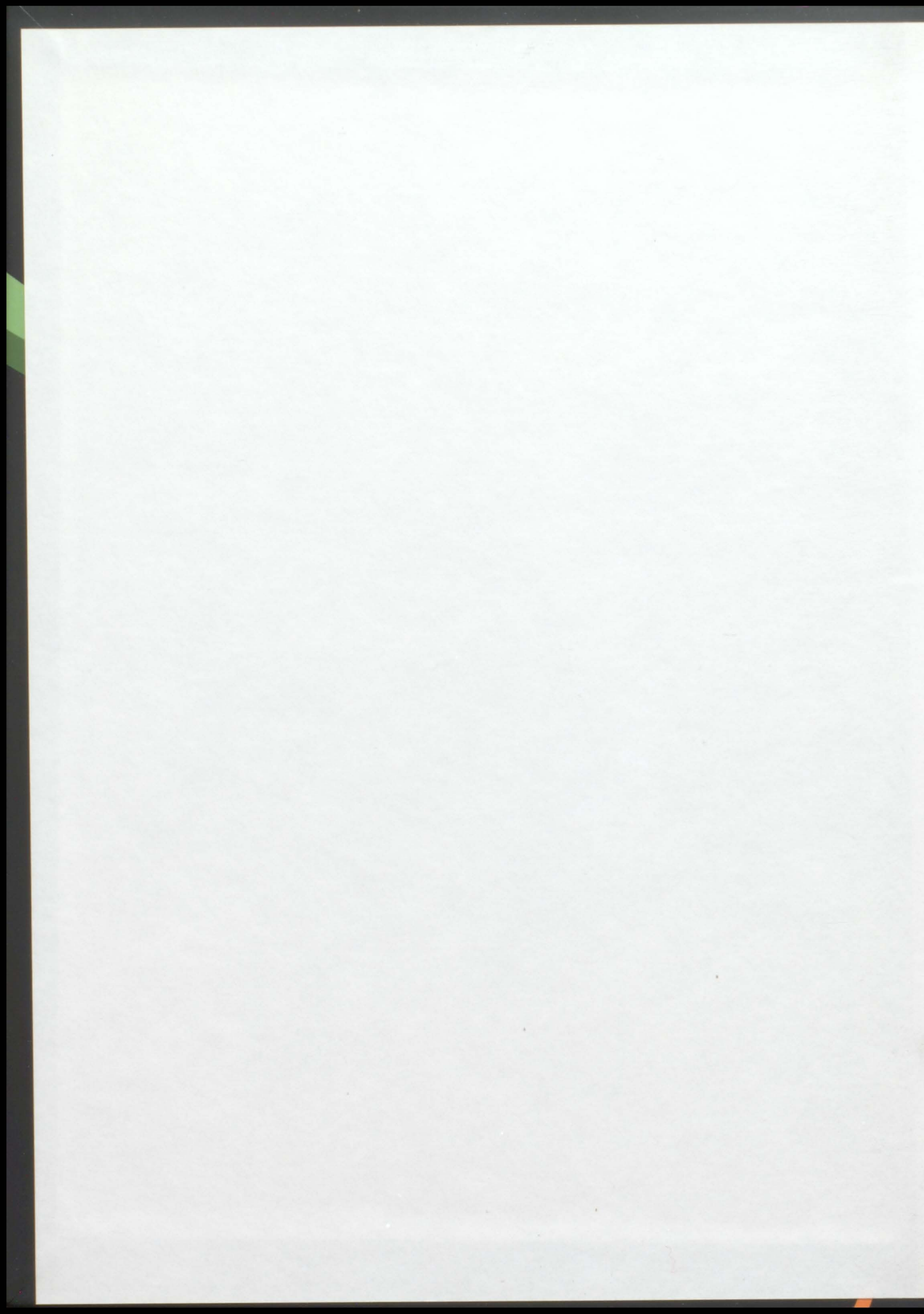
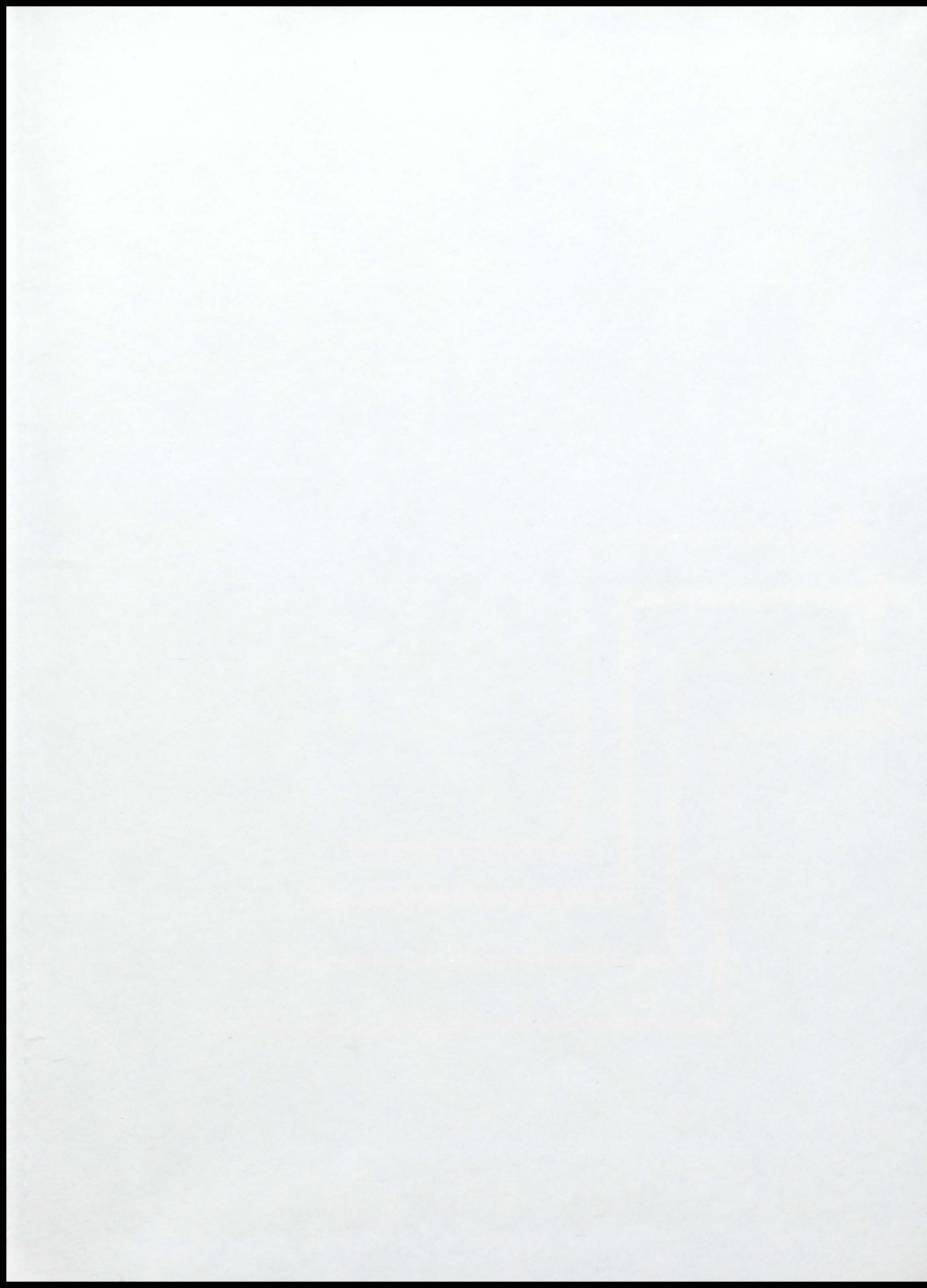


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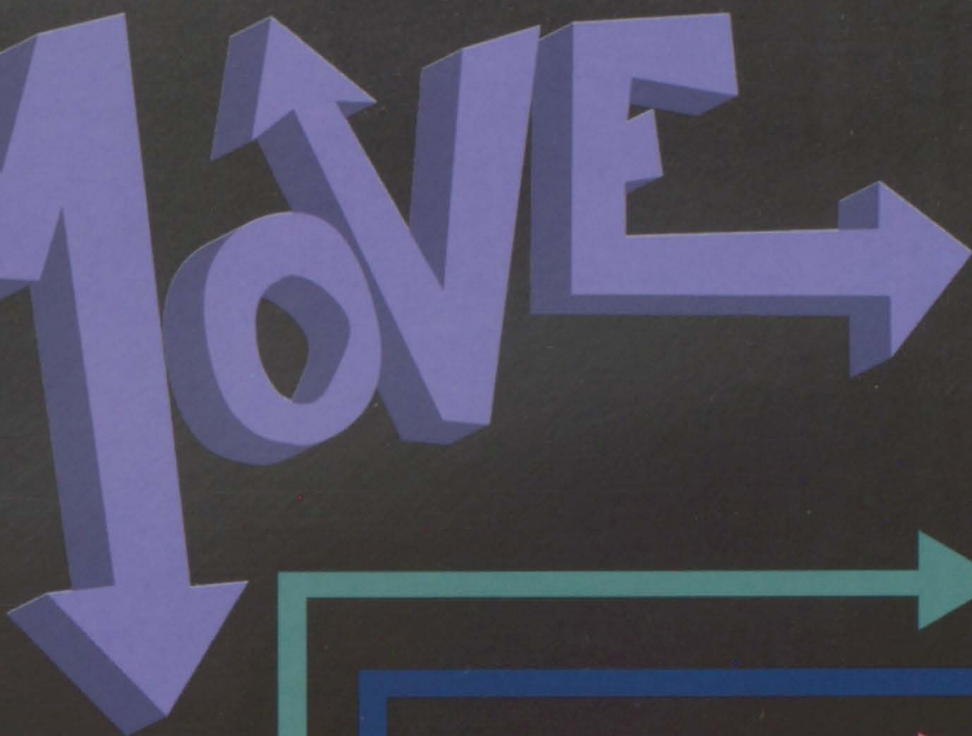






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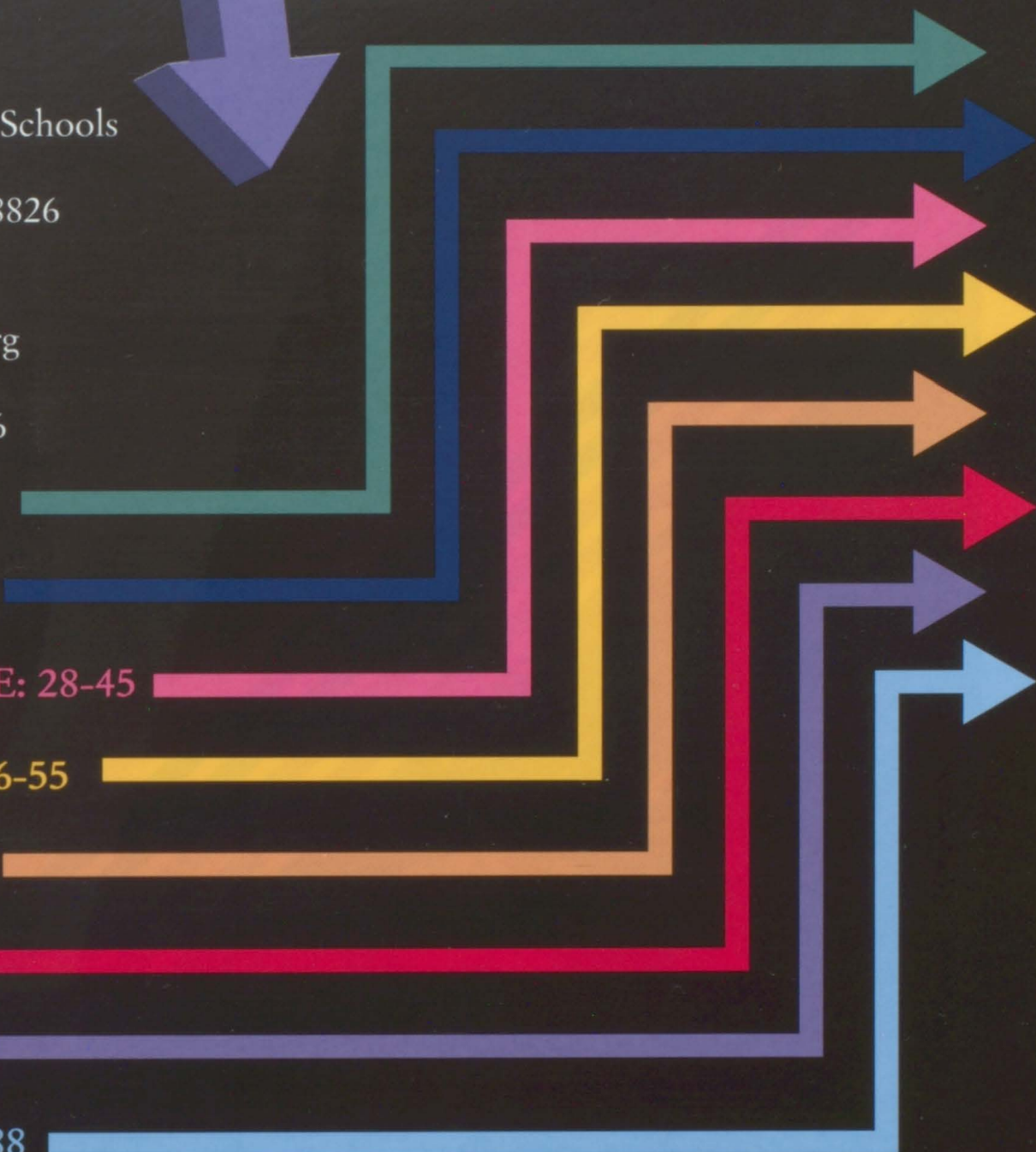
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Right: Using her creativity, Tori Swanson (12) designs a poster for the senior volleyball girls. The yearbook staff took time out of class to create posters to decorate the gym for the volleyball team's Homecoming game.

Below Right: Junior High students stretch along the wall at the start of P.E. In the 2012-2013 school year, all junior high students took PE 6th hour, and those who wanted to participate in sports practiced during 9th hour.

Below Left: Marlie Mundt (2) grasps onto the bar as she hovers over the playground. Elementary students laughed and giggled as they ran about and played on the playground during and after school each day.



IT'S YOUR MOVE

Go directly to jail, do not pass go, do not collect \$200. This phrase has rung through the ears of everyone: man, woman, or child, who has ever sat down to play a game of Monopoly. Board games can represent many things in our lives, such as the *battles* we face everyday, *guessing who* your true friends are, or walking through the choices of daily life. It all comes down to one thing: "It's your move."

This statement is not only applicable to life but is also received as a challenge. It challenges you to make a decision, face an issue, or in the game sense, roll the dice for your next turn.

James Royle (12) said, "My favorite board game is the *Farming Game*. I don't know how to play it very well, so if I role the dice and go to the wrong spot, someone is there to correct me and help me get back on the right path."

A common theme in most board games is to be the first to cross the finish. Not every path we choose is the best path to take and may lead to penalties and hardships along the way. Sophia Songthangtham (11) said, "In *The Game of Life*, you pick different paths and go different ways. In actual life, you pick different paths to take also, and you have to pick them even more carefully."

The choices we make and the paths we take direct where we will end up in the long run. In our Christian walk, we are given a list of instructions from God, and He tells us which paths are the best and most beneficial for us to take. We have the choice to either follow the path of the Lord or fall into a *twister* of mass chaos when we try to direct ourselves. Each person is responsible for his/her own choices, so take this challenge to heart: "It's your move!"

-Bekah Mead(12)

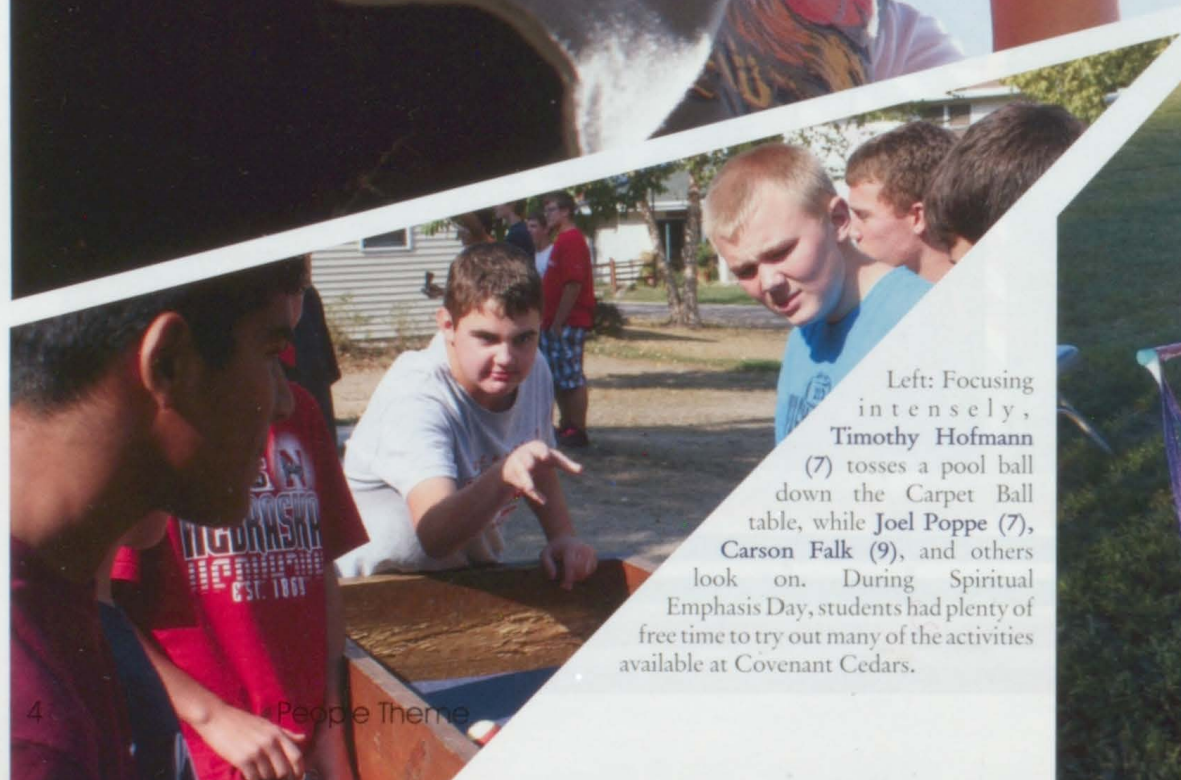


Far Left: Clown Joel Poppe (7) lugs a bucket full of candy around while distributing these goodies to the kids. Many of the students and staff helped out with the All-School carnival by setting up and running different booths throughout the night.

Top Left: Ashley Mazankowski (12), Anna Kirby (12), and Carrie Beck (12) revisit their childhoods by teeter-tottering during Senior Retreat at Covenant Cedars. Seniors got a day off of school, while also being able to focus in on God's Word and bond as a class.



Bottom Left: Alexis Hower (9), Whitney Heuermann (9), and Rubi McHargue (9) lift up their voices in joyful praise to the Lord during second hour choir of Homecoming week. Choir was a great way for students to showcase their talents and also give praise to God.



Left: Focusing intently, Timothy Hofmann (7) tosses a pool ball down the Carpet Ball table, while Joel Poppe (7), Carson Falk (9), and others look on. During Spiritual Emphasis Day, students had plenty of free time to try out many of the activities available at Covenant Cedars.



Letting Go of Judgement

Sometimes the beginning of a school year is like a game of *Guess Who?* You have no idea what the new students are like and base your first opinions of them on their outward appearances and actions. **Tim Fread (11)** said, *"I judge them, but not on purpose. It's almost uncontrollable. It's wrong to judge, but everybody does. It's our sin nature."*

Our natural tendencies as human beings are to judge and compare others. We need to try to overcome these tendencies by striking up conversations with them, so that we may discover their true character. **Carrie Beck (12)** said, *"I try not to judge people but to get to know them first. In class, I talk to new students, asking them questions like, 'Where are you from?' or 'Do you have siblings?'"*

Oftentimes, we find our first opinions of a person turn out to be completely contrary to his or her character. That shy, quiet introvert may turn out to be the funniest person you've ever met! The only way we can truly tell what a person is like is by talking to them personally. **Kyle Bui (12)** said, *"I want to know them because they are new, so it doesn't matter what they look like. Everyone is unique."*

Ultimately, we as Christians need to avoid guessing who people are based on their outward appearance and find out who they really are inside.

-Tori Swanson (12)

Above left, clockwise from top left: **Ru Li (10)**, **Vicky Zhang (12)**, **Ency Chen (12)**, and **Sophia Zhang (12)** pause during their stroll across the bridge over the Platte River to take a fun picture. The dorm students had many weekend adventures during the school year.

Left: **Tyler Cumpston (3)** successfully creates a bubble of gargantuan proportions at the NC Carnival. The carnival included many fun games and activities for the families at Nebraska Christian the night of the Soap Scrimmage.

Senior

Below: Front to back, left to right; Row 1: Mia Dinh, Vicky Zhang, Hoa To, Carrie Beck, Tori Swanson. Row 2: Yena Yoo, Ency Chen, Lindsey Ngo, Sophia Zhang, Shanna Bailey, Heidi Hofmann, Katherine Welk. Row 3: Kim Deichmann, Shawna Ritta. Row 4: Anthony Faeh, Kyle Bui, Andy La, Daniel Kim, Derek Rose, Braden Moody, Anna Kirby, Katie Griess, Ashley Mazankowski, Bekah Mead. Row 5: Neil Lin, Matt Kim, Tanner Cooper. Row 6: Kemery Myers, James Royle, Jahn Landrigan, Curtis Heuermann, Alex Frederick, Jeff Hilderbrand, James Lee. Not pictured: Jae Welk, Jacob Winsterman.



At the turn of the century, a group of sixteen little energetic children prepared to start kindergarten at the NC elementary in Marquette, Nebraska. Now nine of those original kindergarten students, plus 26 more, are counting down the days until graduation.

The Class of 2013 has grown and changed in countless ways during their time at NC, and the seniors have definitely seen God's hand working in their lives. The seniors are all good friends now, and they have matured a lot since they were underclassmen. Throughout the school year, the seniors have really come together as friends and leaders of the school. **James Royle (12)**, who joined the class as a junior, said: *"In just two years, I've seen our class grow from a bunch of rowdy kids into a fine group of mature, yet imaginative and fun young adults."* The more we interact with each other, the more fun we find with each other. Though many people like to stay in their own circles of friends, in the last year of high school a lot of students reached out to meet other classmates that they hadn't really talked to before. This step made the senior class really united as friends.

Finally, the day of graduation is coming. The Class of 2013 will graduate with many fun memories of their time together. *"I love my class! We rock!"* said **Katie Griess (12)**. *"And I'm really going to miss them after graduation."*

- Jahn Landrigan (12)



Shanna Ruth Bailey

Years at NC: 6
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Memory: Practicing
"skiing" and "snowboarding"
on the bus with the speech
seniors



Eney (Enxi) Chen

Years at NC: 3
Hometown:
WenZhou, China
Favorite Memory:
Lying on the football
field and watching stars

Years at NC: 13
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Memory: As an elementary
student, running up to hug an older
family friend

Carrie Jo Beek

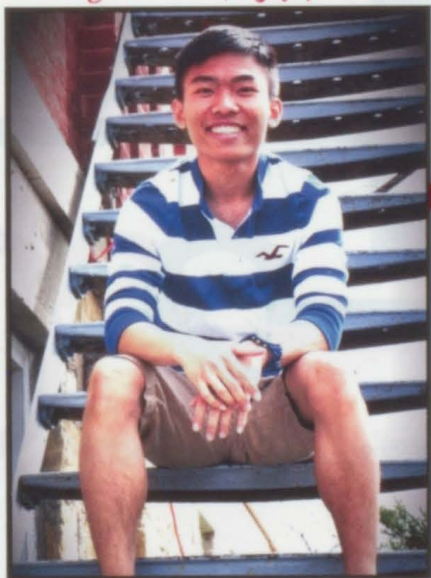


Tanner Michael Cooper

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Memory: Beating
Newman Grove in
football junior year

Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam
Favorite Memory: Basketball

Cong Minh (Kyle) Bui



Years at NC: 13
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Memory: Senior Trip

Kimberly Ann Deichmann



Seniors

Alexander K. Frederick

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Doniphan
Favorite Memory: Building the utility trailer in shop class



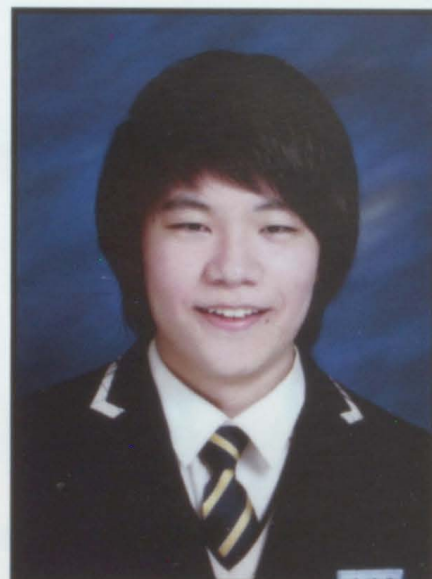
Anthony Brock Faeh

Years at NC: 12
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Memory: Playing football at recess in 5th and 6th grade



Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Seoul, South Korea
Favorite Memory: Running to Dairy Queen

Hyun Tae (Matt) Kim



Sung Hwan (Daniel) Kim

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: Ilsan, South Korea
Favorite Memory: Thanksgiving Trip

My Thi Tra (Mia) Dinh

Years at NC: 2-1/2
Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam
Favorite Memory: Senior Trip



Heidi Marie Hofmann

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Sutton
Favorite Memory: Singing and dancing in the locker room

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Katherine Rebekah Griess

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Sutton
Favorite Memory: Getting
Happy Water and gummy bears
before volleyball games



Curtis Alan Heuermann

Years at NC: 13
Hometown: Archer
Favorite Memory: Shop class



Anna Claire Kirby

Years at NC: 12
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Memory: Washington
D.C. and Senior Trips



Anh Trung (Andy) La

Years at NC: 1-1/2
Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam
Favorite Memory: Senior Trip
and living in the dorm



Jeffery Michael Hilderbrand

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Memory: Living in the
dorm



Jahn Paul Landrigan

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Broken Bow
Favorite Memory: Winning two state
cross country team titles

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Ashley Ann Mazankowski

Years at NC: 4
Hometown: Columbus
Favorite Memory: When former math teacher Mr. Bill Uhler did pull-ups in the doorway



Ta-Fu (Neil) Lin

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Taichung, Taiwan
Favorite Memory: Hanging out at Dairy Queen



Years at NC: 10
Hometown: Marquette
Favorite Memory: Playing music and dancing in the back of the bus



Young Week (James) Lee

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Seoul Korea
Favorite Memory: School Trips



Shawna Marie Ritta



Derek Michael Rose

Years at NC: 7-1/2
Hometown: Aurora
Favorite Memory: Choir tours and track meets

Loan Thanh (Lindsey) Ngo

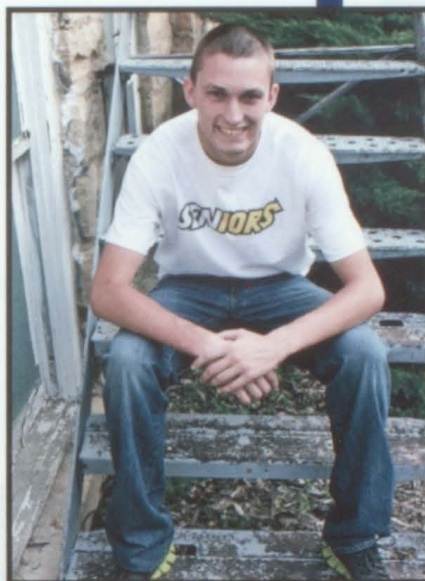
Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Favorite Memory: Dorm Trips and Senior Trip

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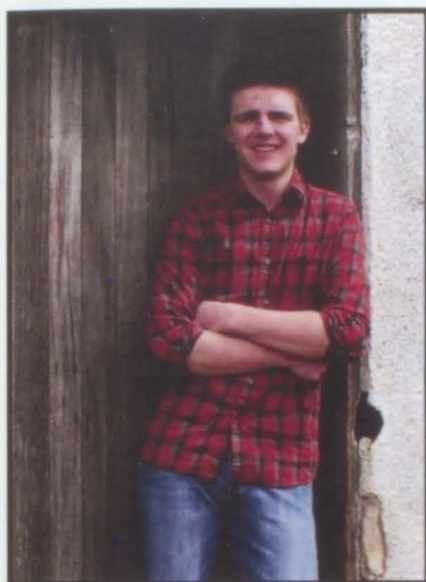
Rebekah Anne Mead

Years at NC: 12
Hometown: Aurora
Favorite Memory: Partner stretching with Rachel Miller during track



Braden Alan Moody

Years at NC: 13
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Memory: Making great friends



James Thomas Royle

Years at NC: 2
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Memory: Speech meets and choir tours

Tori Denae Swanson

Years at NC: 6
Hometown: Aurora
Favorite Memory: Cross country sophomore year



Hea Tran Min Te

Years at NC: 1
Hometown: Hanoi, Vietnam
Favorite Memory: Dorms trips and senior trip



Kemery Evan Myers

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Memory: 3rd hour study hall sophomore year



Seniors



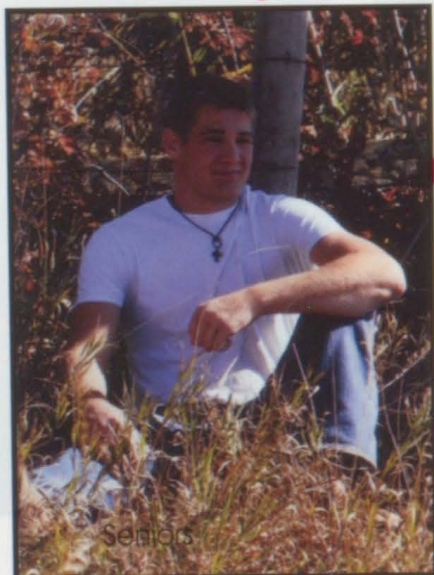
Years at NC: 13
Hometown: Grand Island
Favorite Memory: Choir tours and music contests

Katherine Elizabeth Welk



Years at NC: 3-1/4
Hometown: Central City
Favorite Memory: Getting 20 tackles at Howells

Jacob Winsterman



Julia (Jae) Marie Welk

Years at NC: 13
Hometown: Grand Island
Favorite Memory: Making friends



Yena Yoo

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Seoul, Korea
Favorite Memory: Easter egg fight with Lindsey Ngo



Mo (Vicky) Zhang

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Long-yan, Fujian, China
Favorite Memory: ESL class, senior trip, and dorm activities

Years at NC: 3
Hometown: Taiyuan, China
Favorite Memory: Thanksgiving trip to Branson

Yuxuan (Sophia) Zhang



Senior Superlatives

Most likely to be president: Jeff Hilderbrand

Best hair: James Royle

Best smile: Kyle Bui

Most likely to get married first: Heidi Hofmann

Most competitive: Derek Rose

Best musician: Katherine Welk

Best artist: Tori Swanson

Most likely to be tardy to 1st hour: Braden Moody

Most likely to teach at NC: Sophia Zhang and Shanna Bailey

Most likely to move out of state: Kemery Myers

CLASS VERSE: "But he said to me,
'My grace is sufficient for you, for my
power is made perfect in weakness.'
Therefore I will boast all the more
gladly of my weaknesses, so that the
power of Christ may rest upon me."
-2 Corinthians 12:9

CLASS COLORS: Black, Silver, Blue

CLASS FLOWER: Baccara Rose

CLASS MOTTO: "The ultimate measure
of a man is not where he stands in
moments of comfort, but where he
stands in times of challenge and
controversy."
-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Serving Others

John 15:13 says, "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." While no junior literally sacrificed himself for others, class members did practice putting others ahead of themselves in two ways.

The first way the junior class showed self sacrifice was by participating in the 2013 blood drive. Many of the kids in the junior class, who were of the correct age, felt it in their hearts to donate their blood to this noble cause. **Scott Smith (11)** encouraged students to give in the future, stating, "Although the blood donation didn't work well for me, I recommend giving blood. If you're 16 or older, you should definitely donate blood!"

Not only did they donate blood, but juniors also devoted their time and effort by weekly serving at the concession stand. No matter the

weather, whether it was chilly or outrageously hot, the juniors faithfully served in the concession stand. **Sophia Songthangtham (11)** said, "Working at the concession stand was quite an experience. It taught me how to work with money, count change, and also work with my classmates."

Over the year, the juniors have used these circumstances to continually grow together as a class. Class president **Whitney Twogood (11)** said, "Since freshman year, our class has been like a family. We are comfortable with each other and can just be ourselves all the time."

With all the valuable lessons learned and years spent together, the precious memories the juniors have made will be kept in their hearts forever.

-Eric Kim (11)



The power of the coolest class in NC history is going to be unleashed next year!

-Jack Hu (11)



Junior is the best grade at NC.

-Chihoon Lee (11)



I wasn't sure if I would really like being a junior, but this year turned out to be a lot of fun!

-April Faeh (11)

Victoria Boersen
Shyler Boutin
Brandon Brock
Kevin Cheng
Hans Epp
April Faeh



Beran Fisher
Tonye Fisher
Zoe Flynn
Timothy Fread
Ichiro Hokazono
Jack Hu



Bam Intuputi
Eric Kim
Chase Kvols
Chihoon Lee
Rachel McHargue
Jade Mieth





Left: Cailyn Ostrand (11) and Hans Epp (11) sell food to Duc Chu (10) during a home football game. Class secretary Scott Smith (11) was in charge of setting up the work schedule, ensuring that the concession stand was staffed appropriately for each home game.

Above: Sophia Songthangtham (11) tries to catch a marshmallow in her cup at the Honor Banquet after party. Songthangtham said, "I thought the game was funny because when you are in a rush, you forget how to throw and catch."



Left: Ichiro Hokazono (11) carefully serves water to the guests at the Harvest Festival. Each year, many choir students were asked to serve the guests during the meal.

Right: Jack Hu (11) and Dan Tran (11) wrinkle and wiggle their noses, hoping to catch and eat the animal cracker before it falls off their faces. This game was a favorite among the students during the "Minute to Win It" themed Honor Banquet after party.



Talia Murphy
Hannah Myers
Cailyn Ostrand
Dana Poppe
Ray Santillan
Scott Smith



Tim Smith
Sophia Songthangtham
Danny Stevens
Dan Tran
Johnny Tseng
Whitney Twogood

Class Separation

The 2012-2013 school year was a bit of a change for the sophomores. There were so many members of the sophomore class that all of their core classes except Bible were split into two sections. One of the drawbacks to this schedule change was that it was difficult for some classmates to see each other throughout the day. "With the split classes this year I found it harder to get to know new students or catch up with my friends through the day because I didn't see them as often," explained **Taylor Swantek (10)**.

Some of the split classes caused

the students to have not nearly as many classmates in a certain class. For example, one biology section had twenty-six students while the other section only had nine. Most of the students said they favored the classes with fewer students in them because it was easier to do different activities. "I really like my small classes," said **Carson Huenefeld (10)**. Even though many of the students didn't like this class change at first, they learned to appreciate it and became accustomed to it.

-ShayeLeigh Cooper(10)



I loved how our Geometry class of seven people got pizza while the other 28 sophomores had to starve.

-CJ Ruybalid (10)



Luckily for me, my friends are in mostly all of my classes, so I enjoyed the split classes this year.

-Taylor VanPelt (10)



Because of the class split, I had more of a chance to befriend other classmates I might not have before.

-Warren Dexter (10)

Hope Baldwin
Zachary Brock
Jonas Chiang
Duc Chu
ShayeLeigh Cooper

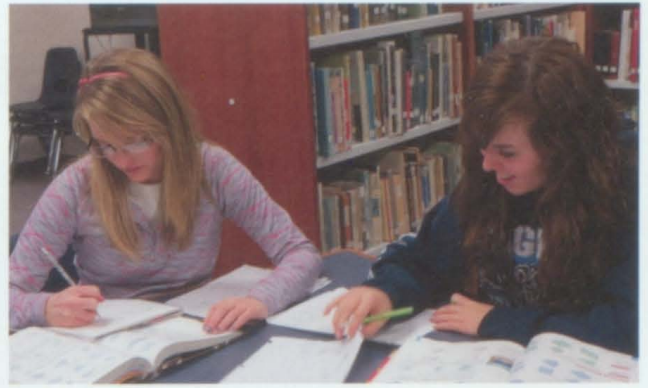


Warren Dexter
Meagen Dittmer
Levi Elge
Adrian Epp
Christopher Hilderbrand
Joey Hu



Carson Huenefeld
Keagan Jewell
Lydia Johnson
Maddie Kirby
Ru Li
Quang Luong





Left: Elizabeth Smith (10) uses a marshmallow to measure heat energy while Jerron Tiemeyer (10) looks on. The biology students enjoyed all the hands-on labs that gave them a break from book work.

Above: Students Lydia Johnson (10) and ShayeLeigh Cooper (10) try to finish their Geometry assignment before the study hall period ends. In most study halls this year, it was a little difficult to complete homework assignments because of the continuous noise.



Left: Hope Baldwin (10), Keagan Jewell (10), and Ethan Unruh (10) quickly finish wiping the tables clean so they can get to class. The sophomores had lunch clean up every Thursday.

Right: Adrian Epp (10), Myles Wheeler (10), and Emily Simmons (10) struggle to find the right position to see the answers to the vocabulary homework while grading each other's assignment. The answers were reported on the projector screen, making them a little difficult to see.



Amber Mazankowski
Hannah Mead
Aron Park
Chloe Pham
Brittany Ritta
Hannah Ritta



CJ Ruybalid
Andrew Sack
Larry Santillan
Emily Simmons
Elizabeth Smith
Matthew Swanson



Taylor Swantek
Jerron Tiemeyer
Ly Tinh
Ethan Unruh
Taylor Van Pelt
Myles Wheeler

Competitive Fire

Many students were scared of entering high school, but the majority of the 2012-2013 freshman class felt quite different. Full of confidence, they caught the rhythm of high school and adapted themselves to the new surroundings as soon as they could.

The freshmen considered themselves to be a competitive and active class, especially in athletics. The high school football team had five freshman players, the volleyball team had seven freshman players, the cross country team had five freshman runners, and the basketball teams had thirteen freshman players.

Despite being young and inexperienced, some freshmen saw great success in athletics. For example, **Katie Cumpston (9)** was

the only member of the girls' cross country team who qualified for the state cross country meet. Cumpston said, *"It was a great season. Everybody worked hard, and I'm really excited for next year."* Some other freshmen functioned as key players on NC sports teams, as well. **Logan Faeh (9)**, who had an excellent performance in both football and basketball, stated, *"Even though each player I went up against was bigger, stronger, and more experienced than I was, I had a great time playing on varsity."*

The competitive and active freshman class really stimulated people's interest in watching what these students would have in store in future years.

- Enxi Chen (12)



Is it melk? Or is it malk?
- Cameron Langemeier (9)



Freshmen are like food; you just can't get enough of them.
- Madison Fuehrer (9)



Everyone has been a freshman at some point in their lives, and it's awesome.
- Isaac Boon (9)



Right: Talitha Harrington (9) has a great time chatting with Michelle Hall (9) during lunch time. Lunch at NC is always a fun time to hang out with friends.

Isaac Boon
Sharina Boutin
Katie Cumpston
Noah Dexter
Zachary Dockweiler



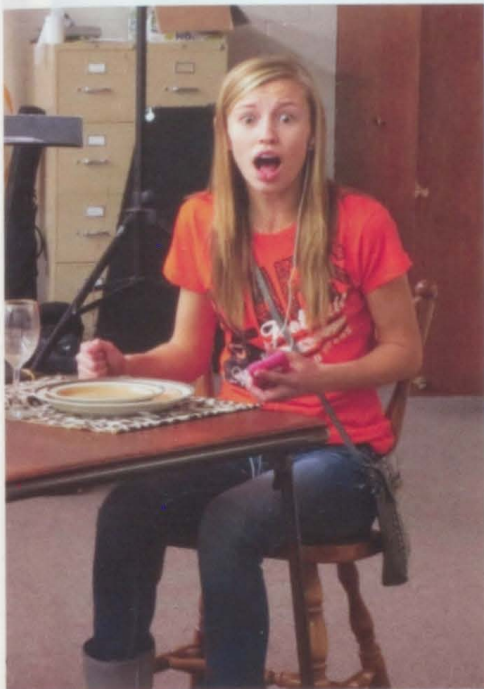
Logan Faeh
Carson Falk
Madison Fuehrer
Michelle Hall
Talitha Harrington
Whitney Heuermann





Left: At the Macaroni Project, Alexis Hower (9) laughs hysterically as she jokes around with Rubi McHargue (9) and Katie Cumpston (9). Several freshmen packaged food, which was sent to area food banks, for the Macaroni Project.

Above: Zachary Dockweiler (9) shakes hands with his coach, Mrs. Janet Landrigan, at the cross country Popsicle Run. The Popsicle run was a way for the cross country team members to showcase their talents while collecting their favorite after-practice treat.



Left: Cassidy Ostrand (9) gets in character as she shouts, "They lost!" In the 2012 One-Act play, Ostrand played an obsessed football fan who was listening to the game while on a date.

Right: Dillon Rose (9) and Tara Murphy (9) help serve coffee during the Harvest Festival. "I'm a really big people person, so serving for the Harvest Festival was a fun social experience for me," said Murphy.



Susan Hofmann
Alexis Hower
Cameron Langemeier
MaKenna Loy
Rubi McHargue
Tara Murphy



Matthew Myers
Cassidy Ostrand
Josiah Rankin
Dillon Rose
Trevor Swanson
Jiseok Woo

Making Changes

Junior high: the awkward years. Sometimes it seems like a horrifying trap between elementary and high school. Students had to endure longer school days, severe physical transformations, and stampedes of high schoolers!

The lucky ones survived and moved on to high school, while the younger ones will be forced to repeat the experience again in 8th grade. However, it's not all bad down at the bottom of the high school pit.

Junior High students are proud of the fact that they only have to help clean the cafeteria on Mondays. Another pro is joining the high school band. *"It's cool to get to hear the people around you doing all their own parts of the song,*

but it can get really loud and crazy," said **Daniel Myers (7)** of the band.

The most drastic changes involved making schedule changes. The in-school schedule featured different classrooms and teachers throughout the day, which took some getting used to. The after school schedule involved making time to balance their mile-high stacks of homework. *"The homework we have now it too much, and all it does is prepare us for more homework later on!"* said **Cole Ruybalid (8)**.

Even though it can be scary being in junior high, the students will take what they learned in junior high and use it to help them have success in high school.

- **CJ Ruybalid (10)**



I love my classmates. Each one is really fun to interact with.

-**Juan Lasso (8)**



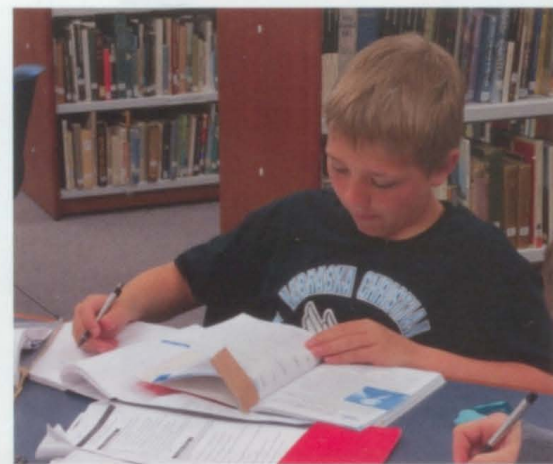
I really enjoyed being able to go out for sports this year and compete with my friends.

-**Joel Poppe (7)**



Junior Highers are just so awkward!

-**Marilla Flynn (8)**



Right: **Spencer Williams (7)** works diligently on his vocabulary assignment. English assignments not only helped improve vocabulary, but they also helped the junior high students to develop a better work ethic.

Keziah Dexter, 7
Andrew Feely, 7
Chase Gulbranson, 7
Jessica Hilderbrand, 7
Timothy Hofmann, 7
Joel Kaczor, 7



Spencer Williams, 7
MaKenna Bolanos, 8
Yu Chen, 8
Jaydon Elge, 8
Marilla Flynn, 8
Tommy Flynn, 8





Left: Cole Ruybalid (8), Daniel Myers (7), and Andrew Feely (7) play with the pep band at a home football game. The pep band entertained the crowd with their exciting musical numbers at the majority of home sporting events.

Above: Marilla Flynn (8) and Reagan Williams (8) test their limits as they stretch. Stretching was an important precursor to PE activities.



Left: Claire Ostrand (7) participates in a drill during 9th hour sports practice. In 2012-2013, junior high athletes had a PE class in the early afternoon and sports practices at the end of the day.

Right: MaKenna Bolanos (8), Sarah Simmons (8), Hailee Broman (8), and Aviana Papazian (7) work hard to prepare for their next class. Many junior high students had 5th hour study hall, which gave them time to study for their upcoming afternoon classes.



Daniel Myers, 7
Claire Ostrand, 7
Aviana Papazian, 7
Joel Poppe, 7
Micah Smith, 7
Luke Swanson, 7



Alicia Kim, 8
Juan Lasso, 8
Cole Ruybalid, 8
Sarah Simmons, 8
Reagan Williams, 8
Andrew Winsterman, 8

New Challenges

Upper elementary is a time of adventure and new challenges. Students have already mastered the art of learning the alphabet and primary colors and are jumping into the massive whirlwind of mathematics and reading comprehension. The 2012-2013 upper elementary was a bright bunch of students full of thought-provoking questions, a thirst for knowledge, and easy-going attitudes.

I was able to better acquaint myself with the students and experience first hand their love for learning. Smiles greeted me whenever I entered the elementary classroom for ninth hour teacher's aide. Period nine for the students usually consisted of trips to the library, an ample amount of time to finish up class projects or homework, and recess time. **Amy Springer (3)** said, "I really like going outside to my hideout, but I don't think I can tell you where it is because it's a secret."

Obviously, the end of the day is a hit among the students.

Although the end of the day was exciting, school assignments were a blast as well. Teachers prepared fun and informative activities to help the students remember the information taught in textbooks. **Alison Winsterman (6)** stated, "Certain words and fun phrases or specific activities help me remember things for tests." A boiling pot of water and dry ice proved to be a mesmerizing experiment that demonstrated how both evaporation and rain are produced. Students also participated in enlightening exercises that helped them recall the bones in the body or the muscles in the throat. These demonstrations provided the children with visual aides they could use to recall certain terms and concepts for tests later in the week or even for homework later in the year.

- **Katie Griess (12)**



My favorite part of the Pancake Feed was the sausages because they were rockin' awesome!

- **Cory Ruybalid (5)**



Homework is so-so. It's not really hard. Actually, it's kind of easy.

- **Halle Strong (6)**



I thought Pi Day was fun. I liked the basketball game and the plank challenge where you had to cross the lava. That was probably my favorite!

- **Seth Hower (5)**

Tyler Cumpston, 3
Zachary Egeland, 3
Ethan Merchant, 3
Amy Springer, 3



McKenna Leonard, 4
Carl Mundt, 4
Dakota Springer, 4
Joshua Strong, 4
Tobias Zaruba, 4
Amanda Hilderbrand, 5



Seth Hower, 5
Jayden Leonard, 5
Jamie Myers, 5
Cory Ruybalid, 5
Stephanie Strobel, 5
Trevor Cumpston, 6





Left: Sibling love is fully manifested during Grandparents' Day as McKenna Leonard (4) assists her brother Landen Leonard (1) with a finger painting project. Grandparents' Day was a hit, not only because the elementary children were able to spend a day with both grandparents and friends, but also because the day was filled with fun projects and laughter.

Above: Alyssa Broman (4), Seth Hower (5), Zachary Egeland (3), Malachi Zaruba (2), Kylie Merchant (1), Tyler Cumpston (3), Bennett Zaruba (6), Madison Felt (6), Faith Springer (1), Christopher Medlock (1), and Alison Winsterman (6) cheer after completing an exciting challenge on Pi Day. Pi Day was a new creation by math teacher Mr. Andy Falk, who used it to combine math concepts and challenges into a fun day.



Left: Halle Strong (6) and Alison Winsterman (6) belt out a rousing rendition of a *Patch the Pirate: Polecat's Poison* original song. Kindergarten through six grade students preformed in this year's play that was packed full of hilarious acting and theatrical songs.

Right: Tobias Zaruba (4) and Dakota Springer (4) take a break from scooter racing during an exhilarating field trip at the pumpkin patch. Along with scooter racing, the pumpkin patch offered numerous activities ranging from corn mazes to pumpkin picking.



Ryan Dexter, 6
Jonathan Dockweiler, 6
Madison Felt, 6
Sydney Fuehrer, 6
Bradley Hilderbrand, 6
Adrian Longoria, 6



Cejay Mieth, 6
Jacob Mills, 6
Carsyn Ostrand, 6
Halle Strong, 6
Alison Winsterman, 6
Bennett Zaruba, 6

Recess Time

Recess. This word ignites excitement in the minds of children as they sit in classes waiting for the moment when they can run outside and play freely, releasing their bottled up energy. Being cooped up all day in the classroom can be hard for young children, but recess allows them to release all their vivacious energy and get fresh air to help clear their minds. "Recess is my favorite!" commented **Marlie Mundt (2)**.

Recess is the highlight of the day for most of the children. Loud screams of exuberant children playing football, tag, and four square can be heard throughout the campus during recess time.

As the children decide which game to play at recess, each student has his or her personal favorite. Elementary Aid **Cheryl Smith** said, "Even though the children sometimes get upset and go pout about a game or the way the game is played, they work it out and

get back to the game in no time!"

Even though not everyone enjoys playing every game, the children get along very well. They cooperate and work together to choose a fun game that all can enjoy, even though it's not necessarily everyone's favorite.

Cooperation is key for recess to run smoothly. Recess teaches children to work together and come to agreements on games played. If someone doesn't particularly like the game played, there are plenty of other things to do at recess, and children can always find a friend to play with.

Sadly, the glorious time of recess has to come to a close each day, but the children know that their time to play will come again. With three recess times a day, the students get plenty of time to release their energy, clear their heads, and enjoy time with friends.

-**Heidi Hofmann (12)**

Right: During Mr. Andy Falk's Pi Day, Christopher Medlock (1) steadies himself as he walks across the boards. This activity was a student favorite during the festivities.



I just hope I make the shot!
-**Malachi Zaruba (2)**



I love playing in the snow during the winter!
-**Karlee Seitz (1)**



My favorite thing to do during recess is play on the yellow climbing wall!
-**Faith Springer (1)**

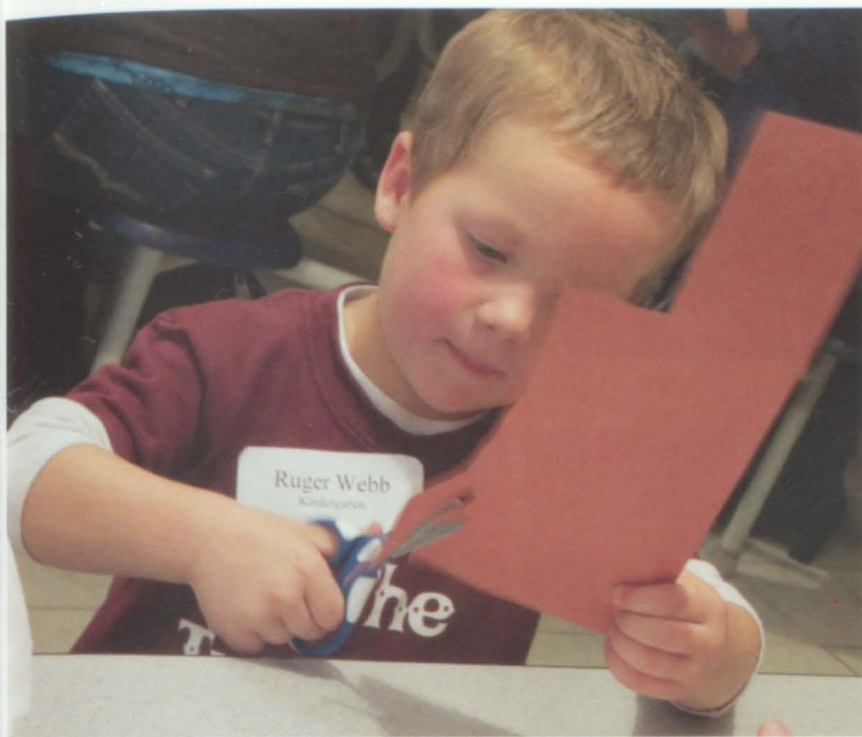


Claire Detlefsen, P
Alyza Leonard, P
Beretta Webb, P
Jonah Green, K
Joshua Green, K



Rachel Hale, K
Anna Jenkins, K
Taytum Perdew, K
Alyssa Springer, K
Ruger Webb, K
Natalie Bauman, 1





Left: Ruger Webb (K) works on a project during Grandparent's Day. The elementary students enjoyed having their grandparents spend a special day with them at school each year.

Above: Marlie Mundt (2), Faith Springer (1), Malachi Zaruba (2), Christopher Medlock (1), Natalie Bauman (1), Karlee Seitz (1), and Grace Strong (1) file down the slide during recess. The students found fun ways to enjoy the simple things with their friends.



Left: One spectacular autumn day, Marlie Mundt (2) and Landen Leonard (1) hang out on the playground during recess. The students enjoyed the warm autumn days but were thrilled when the first snow fell.

Right: Alyza Leonard (P) peers out of the inflatable bounce house at the NC Carnival. The carnival provided many games for children to enjoy.



Landen Leonard, 1
Christopher Medlock, 1
Kylie Merchant, 1
Micah Perdew, 1
Karlee Seitz, 1
Faith Springer, 1



Christian Strobel, 1
Grace Strong, 1
Marlie Mundt, 2
Andrew Perdew, 2
Rylynne Seitz, 2
Malachi Zaruba, 2

Food for Thought

Imagine: two hundred people are groaning for food, and you are the cook responsible. "Because there were two hundred people, it brought me so much pressure in the first week of school," said **Mrs. Martha Santillan**. All three of the 2011-2012 school year's cooks resigned, and we are now gratefully greeting brand new cooks. This year we have **Mrs. Sue Patrick**, who was the head cook a few years ago, **Mrs. Cheryl Hilderbrand**, who graduated from NC, **Mrs. Wendy Schweitzer**, who masters in trying new dishes, and **Mrs. Martha**

Santillan, who specializes in Mexican food. When Santillan resigned at the end of the first semester, **Mrs. Kathy Kirby** stepped up into her role and has also agreed to be the head cook for the 2013-2014 school year.

Students and staff alike are pleased with the food available in the lunchroom. "I really like this year's food," **Miss Becky Ritta** said, "especially the pumpkin bars and breadsticks." In general, people are grateful that they have this great group of cooks and are very content after every lunch.

-Neil Lin(12)



The food is tasty, and I have not left the lunchroom unfulfilled.

-Mr. Mark Leonard



Pumpkins are back. I have been missing them for a few years. All the homemade food is good. And the cooks are doing great.

-Mr. Larry Schreiber

Kathy Chase, Auction Coordinator
Harold Cook, Custodian
Josh Cumpston, Administrator/Bible
Tom Dockweiler, Business Manager/Math



Andy Falk, Math/Bible
Ruth Ferris, Librarian
Dee Flynn, Science/Boys' Dorm/
Quiz Bowl
Mike Flynn, Music/Boys' Dorm
Stephani Francl, Director of
Development
David Gee, Industrial Technology



Gilbert Glad, Public Relations
Jody Heuermann, Foundation
Director/Auction Acquisitions
Cheryl Hilderbrand, Cook
Roy Hilderbrand, Custodian
Barbara Hoff, ESL/English/
Girls' Dorm
Larry Hoff, Int'l Program/
Girls' Dorm/ESL



Daurice Hower, Elementary Art &
PE/Program Assistant
Jeff Hower, English/Spanish/One-Act
Gib Killion, ESL/International
Program Assistant
Janet Landrigan, English/Dorm Aide/
Cross Country
Mark Leonard, Computer/Business
Clay Mankin, Social Studies/Bible/
Weights



Not Pictured: Steve James, Guidance Counselor; Kathy Kirby, Elementary Aide/Cook; Deana Leonard, ESL; Gordon Thiessen, Chaplain/Girls' Basketball

Faculty & Staff



Left: Mrs. Dee Flynn gives instructions in biology lab. As the only science teacher at NC, she taught seven hours each day.

Above: Mrs. Wendy Schweitzer and Mrs. Martha Santillan prepare tacos for the noon meal. The cooks enjoyed providing fresh, homemade food for the students.



Right: Mr. Mike Flynn reads the Bible every day before choir class. "I love the Psalms, and King David is awesome," he said.

Left: During 8th period weights, Mr. Clay Mankin teaches Cailyn Ostrand (11) how to lift a bar. Multiple weights classes were offered in 2012-2013 to enable more students to take the class.



Karen Miotke, Business Office Assistant
Chuck Myers, Bible/Art
Carl Ostrand, Social Studies/Bible/M.O.V./Football/Track
Tonya Ostrand, Spanish/PE/Health/Volleyball
Sue Patrick, Head Cook
Danielle Rainbolt, Auction Data Processing



Becky Ritta, Advance Editor/ESL Business Office Assistant/Yearbook
Robert Ritta, Director of Maintenance & Food Services
Susan Ritta, Executive Secretary
Martha Santillan, Cook
Denise Schreiber, Grades 3 & 4
Larry Schreiber, Activity Director/7-12 Counselor/PE



Wendy Schweitzer, Cook
Charissa Smith, Grades 5 & 6/ Speech
Cheryl Smith, Elem. Aide
Janice Stuhmer, Elem. Head Teacher/Grades 1 & 2/English
Patty Welk, Resource
Verna Zaruba, Preschool/ Kindergarten



Left: **Jacob Winsterman (12)** sits on the edge of the senior float while his luscious, blue streamer hair flows in the breeze. Seniors got out of Bible class to work on their float for senior recognition night, which followed the Homecoming football game.



Treat Yourself

Out of all the things that happened on the path of high school, some of the most memorable times were spent not in the classroom, but participating in special events and trips throughout the year. Homecoming week, Student Council events, Honor Banquet, and dorm and senior trips were all sweet stops along the way to the "Candy Castle" we call Graduation. No matter what type of person you were, you were guaranteed at least one event or activity to enjoy. As much as some students loathed attending school, these sweet treats were what made it a little more bearable.

One of the student favorites was Encouragement Week, where students were given the opportunity to write notes of encouragement to friends, teammates, and fellow classmates. **Katie Griess (12)** commented, *"Encouragement Week rocks my mocs off!"* Other students enjoyed digging into the Word and praising the Lord through song. **Jade Meith (11)** said, *"Our special chapel at Heartland Evangelical Free was a really awesome experience. I could feel God working in people's hearts, and when I left, I felt a renewed appreciation for God and His love."*

There was something for everyone throughout the year. For the crazy, high spirited students, Homecoming week was a great time to let loose, whereas, for the more reserved students, student council events were spread out through the year, where they were sure to get in a good laugh. **Kyle Bui (12)** stated, *"Student Council events are fun and hilarious, because the STUCO has lots of good ideas. I really like how Mr. Falk fed Mr. Ostrand[at the Homecoming Pep Rally]; they are so skilled."* Even though the school year tends to get a little hectic, there is always time to take a step back and "treat" yourself.

-Bekah Mead (12)

Above Left: **Eric Kim (11)**, **Mrs. Dee Flynn**, and **Joey Hu (10)** examine the color of the litmus paper during a biology lab. Throughout the year, the students took part in many fun labs, including the traditional frog dissection.

Left: **James Lee (12)** basks in the "glory" of being able to stand on the UNL football field. The boys' dorm made a special trip up to Lincoln to check out the campus and to meet Seung Hoon Choi, a Korean player on the Nebraska Cornhusker football team.



Above: Mr. Andy Falk, Tara Murphy (9), and Kemery Myers (12) attempt eating cereal while being fed by the blind-folded Mr. Carl Ostrand, Talia Murphy (11), and Tim Fread (11). Mr. Falk and Mr. Ostrand cruised to victory, finishing their cereal first, while both student duos greatly struggled throughout the challenge.

Right: Following the game, several alumni and current students gather for a picture. From left: Sebastian Chang, Soonchan Jung, Matt Kim (12), Alicia Kim (8), Yena Yoo (12), James Lee (12), Jane Seok, Bam Intuputi (11), Sophia Songthangtham (11).



Right: On Fairy Tale Day, Jahn Landrigan (12), dressed as the "Magic Mirror," laughs as he tries to fit the reflection of Jacob Winsterman (12) onto his mirror. Students embraced Fairy Tale Day, wearing costumes ranging from Disney characters to peasants.

Far Right: Alexis Hower (9) and Katie Cumpston (9) try to get some work done in study hall while surrounded by all the excitement of Class Color Day. Students enjoyed building class unity through their assigned colors.



United: We Stand

Glittery skirts, shimmery hats, and metallic make-up: Homecoming was full of odd get-ups. In 2012, things were crazier than ever!

Tuesday, pirates and cowboys adorned in eye patches and cowboy boots sauntered the halls, sneering at one another.

Wednesday was a kaleidoscope of color; classes were assigned different colors ranging from black to outlandish neon. When asked his favorite day to dress up, **Hans Epp (11)** replied, "Class color day because I was able to pull out my old basketball uniform from seventh grade!"

On Thursday, Nebraska Christian might have been mistaken for some fairytale domain as princesses, dwarves and other creatures wandered the halls.

Friday was traditional Blue and White Day. Students showed their support for the Eagles by wearing homemade shirts and paint splattered jeans that screamed

Eagle pride. Blue and White Day is a symbol of unity, and maybe that is why it has never been taken off the Homecoming list. **Anthony Faeh (12)** summed it up clearly, stating, "Blue and White Day allows us to express our inner eagle while showing support for our school and our sports teams."

The unity was felt at the 2012 Homecoming football game as alumni and students adorned themselves with blue shirts and jeans. Although the Eagles did not get a victory, fans and players left the field with pride in their school.

Though Homecoming was packed full of pep rallies and amusing outfits, the recurring theme all week was that of unity--from both a school and a class perspective. While Blue and White Day fostered school unity, the Student Council promoted class unity each day through its class dress-up competition. At the end of the week, the 8th graders were crowned class champion with a

95% rate of participation. Student Council Sponsor **Becky Ritta** said, "We definitely had more participation in the dress up days this year. I think the class competition helped get students excited about Homecoming, and that excitement led to a surge of school spirit!"

-**Katie Griess (12)** &
ShayeLeigh Cooper (10)



Making signs was a good way to get out of class. Plus, it was fun to decorate our own signs because then I knew they would look good!

-**Katie Griess (12)**



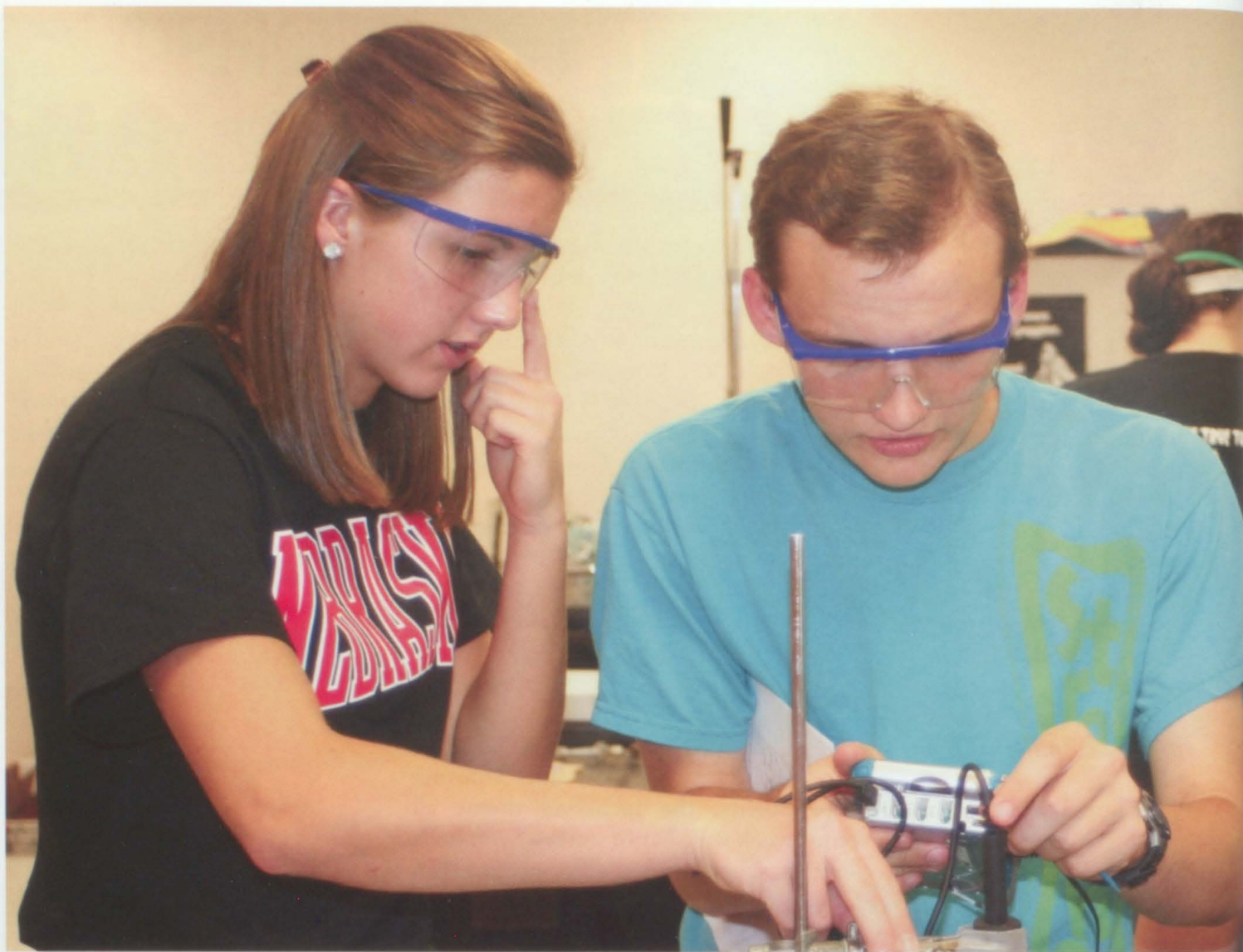
My favorite day to dress up was Fairy Tale Day because I got to dress up as Sherlock Holmes, and it was also interesting to see who everyone else dressed up as!

-**Mathew Swanson (10)**



I wore this outfit to come off as the boy who was being told the fairy tale instead of a Fairy Tale character.

-**Cameron Langemeier (9)**



Above: **Amber Mazankowski (10)** and **Adrian Epp (10)** concentrate on their lab quest in Biology. Biology labs were a fun way to learn about new concepts such as energy and the construction of cells and were also a great opportunity for students to get to know other members of their class. Mazankowski agreed, stating, *"Labs are fun, because they offer hands-on learning and allow me to hang out with my classmates."*

Right: **Daniel Myers (7)** performs the superman stretch to get his muscles warm and ready for another P.E. class. Myers and the rest of the Junior High spent their P.E. classes throughout the year learning the fundamentals of volleyball, football, and basketball and enjoying games of kickball and wiffle ball between sport seasons.



Right: **Tara Murphy (9)** diligently studies her script for drama class. The drama class experienced a great change this year as the drama teacher switched from Mrs. Gwen Prettyman to **Mr. Jeff Hower**, who incorporated multiple group activities at the beginning of the year to get the students comfortable with speaking in front of crowds.

Far right: **Jacob Winsterman (12)** and **Curtis Heuermann (12)** lazily stir a pot of plum jelly for Family and Consumer Science class. Winsterman and Heuermann were members of NC's first co-ed FCS class, which was originally started to teach girls the art of homemaking. The boys filled FCS with their fair share of cooking disasters and laughter.



Splitting Up

The 2012-2013 school year was vastly different from recent years at Nebraska Christian because of the large number of split classes. Superintendent **Josh Cumpston** said, "We decided to split the classes this year for two reasons. The first reason we split the classes was because many grades had a large number of students, such as the senior class, which was comprised of thirty-six students. We also split the classes to add more flexibility to students' schedules. By offering classes such as English and Physics at different hours, students were able to partake in a variety of classes that promoted class discussion."

Nine classes were divided in 2012-2013: English IV, English II, Government/Economics, Biology, Physics, Family and Consumer Science (FCS), Computer II, World History, and US History were all divided this year. **Mr. Carl Ostrand, Mr. Clay Mankin, Mr. Mark Leonard, Mrs. Dee Flynn, Mrs. Janet Landrigan, and Mr. Jeff**

Hower had to deal with the split classes. Mrs. Flynn had the opportunity to teach split Biology and Physics classes. She stated, "I thoroughly enjoy splitting the large classes into two sections. Three per lab group is certainly more workable than in previous years when we had as many as five per group. My goal for next year is to have two classes of similar sizes for each subject I have to teach."

Splitting classes enabled the teachers to not become overwhelmed with large numbers of students. Though at times, it seemed that even the split classes were still noisy and rowdy, dividing the classes helped assuage already rattled nerves and provided for a more calm and quiet atmosphere for the students to learn and the teachers to instruct.

There often were not enough desks to house all of the students during full classes, so splitting them also helped fit everyone into the classroom. **Shawna Ritta (12)**

said, "Split classes allowed me to get to know more of the people in my class that I had not talked to as much in the previous years. Splitting the classes made them smaller and more personal."

Though students did not get to see their close friends as often with the new split classes, they were able to receive a personal learning environment and grow in their relationships with other members of their class.

- **Katie Griess (12)**



Media is a great class for me to catch up on homework or study for tests. It is also a blast to bond with friends, while at the same time learning how to work a video camera and interview people.

-**Meagen Dittmer (10)**



I joined weights class this year because it is a great way to get stronger and become a better athlete.

-**Tanner Cooper (12)**



Drama is by far the best class of my senior year! It gives me the opportunity to get in front of people and act, which I love doing, and it didn't involve any math. It was really nice to have drama at the end of the day, because it gave my brain time to relax after suffering through Precalculus.

-**James Royle (12)**

Joy, unspeakable joy!
An overflowing well ;
No tongue can tell
Joy, unspeakable joy!
It rises in my soul,
Never lets me go!



Above: Students sing a song of joy at the beginning of chapel. Each week **Mr. Mike Flynn** and a group of students prepared songs to be sung prior to the message.

Right: **Landen Leonard (1)** recites his Awana verse to **Braden Moody (12)**. Several NC students volunteered to help out with Awana at their local churches.



Right: Dale Phillips expresses great emotion while telling a story about the paralytic man. Rev. Phillips has come almost every year to NC and ministered to the students by acting out Bible stories.

Far right: Students bow for a word of prayer before the beginning of the message. Many of the chapel speakers began by asking God to bless their time together.



Student Service

Worshiping God is one of the most important parts of a Christian's life. Two ways students worship God throughout the year are through chapel each week and select missions trips that students go on during time away from school.

Each week the students crowd into the Music and Worship room to sing praises and hear a message from an area pastor. Each chapel is started by singing three songs led by a group of students ranging from Junior High to Seniors. Some instruments that accompany the singers are the piano, a bass guitar, a box drum, and acoustic guitars. Then Nebraska Christian's chaplain **Gordon Thiessen** reads a Psalm and introduces the day's speaker. Students diligently listen and take notes, as many students must write summaries of chapel for their daily Bible classes. *"Even though writing chapel summaries is tedious, they can be really helpful and make you think about what you've heard,"* said **Sophia Songthangtham (11)**. Even though attending chapel each week can feel

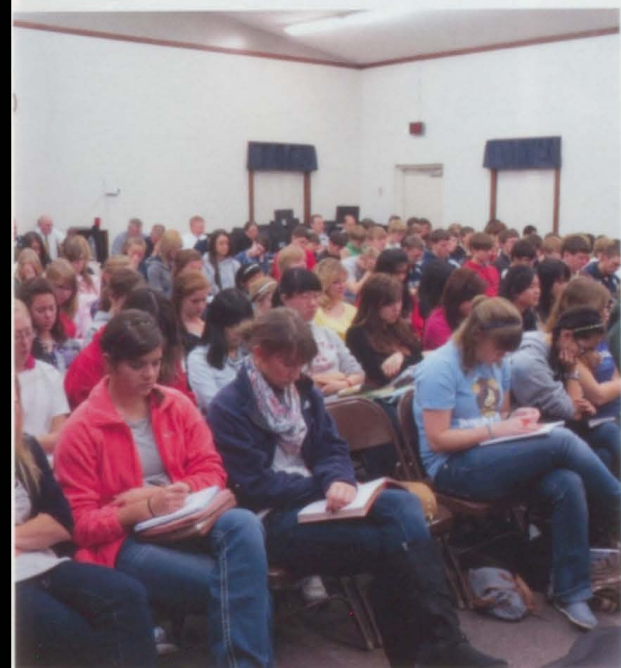
humdrum, the messages are very beneficial.

Once this year, the school held a special chapel service that was out of the ordinary. Mr. Michael Gennarelli, director of worship and music ministries at Hastings Evangelical Free Church, worked with the worship team on new songs. The students and staff then traveled to Heartland Evangelical Free Church for a time of worship specifically through music. Mr. Gennarelli led the school in singing inspirational music. In between worship songs, the students had the opportunity to share their testimonies. Many students shared the trials they have faced and how God has worked through those trials to bring them closer to Himself. All in all, the students enjoyed the special chapel time.

Students also go on different mission trips throughout the year. Last year, a group of students went to Utah. The trip was sponsored by the Heartland Evangelical Free Church in Central City. The main

focus of the trip was to learn about Mormonism and help the attendees understand why Christians believe what they believe. They spent time at a college taking surveys about what the Mormons believe and also shared what they believe. *"Most of the people we talked with were very unreasonable, but they knew what they believed,"* said **Scott Smith (11)**. The trip really helped the students learn more about Mormonism and meet and talk to people about their beliefs.

-Heidi Hofmann (12)



I usually warm up in the morning before chapel because my voice is groggy and some of the notes I have to sing are really high.

-Jahn Landrigan (12)



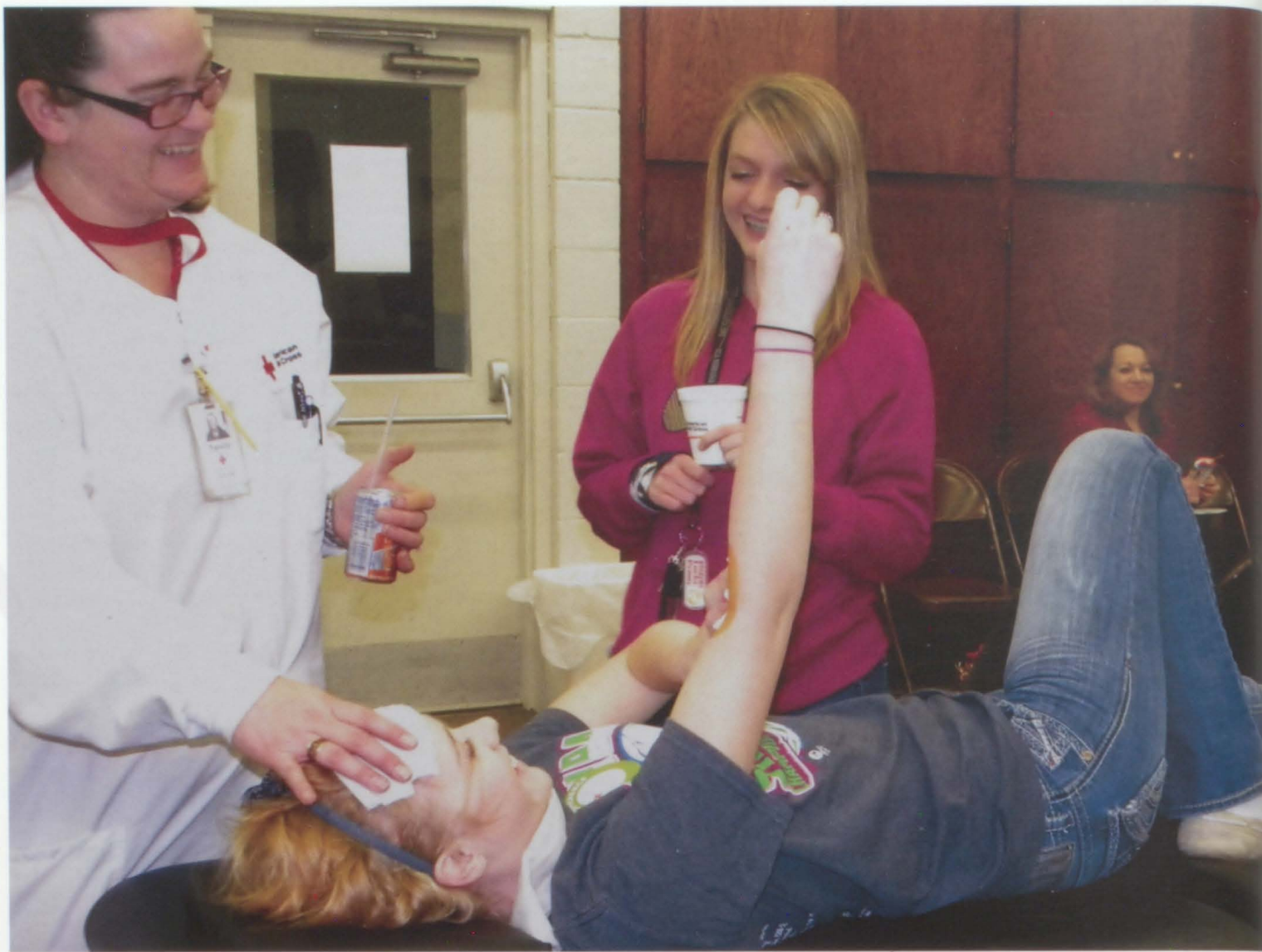
I've helped with Azwana all through high school, and it has been very rewarding. This year I actually had a kid come to Christ!

-Shanna Bailey (12)



The children were always so happy and smiling, even though they have much less than we do.

-Victoria Boersen (11)



Above: **Taylor Van Pelt (10)** giggles with **Lydia Johnson (10)** as Van Pelt attempts to get her blood to flow normally after giving blood. Van Pelt, a class officer, decided to give blood to encourage other students to donate blood, as well.

Right: **Hannah Myers (11)**, **April Faeh (11)**, **Tara Murphy (9)**, and **Cassidy Ostrand (9)** clap in time with the pep band. Several of the pep rallies that the student council organized began with the pep band pumping up the students.



Right: **Student Council Treasurer Derek Rose (12)** asks **Marlie Mundt (2)** to help with the Homecoming pep rally game. Mundt did an excellent job of aiding, and she won over the entire student body with her funny and cute personality.

Far right: **Heidi Hofmann (12)**, **Emily Simmons (10)**, and the rest of their team high five before they play a game that the student council prepared for the pep rally. A few of the pep rallies involved games that the student council invented.



Sparse and Fun

The 2012-2013 student council (STUCO), under the leadership of **President Jahn Landrigan (12)**, **Vice President Katie Griess (12)**, **Secretary Neil Lin (12)**, and **Treasurer Derek Rose (12)**, started off their year by mapping out the Spirit Day themes for Homecoming week. They decided Tuesday would be Pirates vs. Cowboys Day, where students could choose whether to dress up as a pirate or cowboy. On Wednesday, every class was assigned a different color to wear for Class Color Day. Many students gave kudos to the STUCO for coming up with Thursday's Fairy Tale Day, where students dressed up as their favorite fairytale characters. As always, Friday was Blue and White Day, a day for students to show off their school spirit.

The student council planned several other events for the school year, but they were able to go through with only a few. "We didn't really have any nice days to do stuff, plus we didn't have as much money this year because we didn't hold any fundraisers. It was

cold most of the spring, and a track meet got moved to the day we planned to do a big spring event," explained Landrigan.

Even though many of the STUCO's plans fell through, the ones they did carry out were quite memorable. No one will forget blindfolded **Mr. Carl Ostrand** messily feeding **Mr. Andy Falk** a bowl of cereal at a pep rally that the student council arranged. The STUCO always managed to arrange a little sending off pep rally before anyone headed off to state competitions. And students and staff will always remember the gratifying feeling of giving blood at the student council sponsored Red Cross blood drive to help someone in need. **Shanna Bailey (12)**, who gave blood for the first time, eagerly shared, "Giving blood was an awesome experience! I was kind of giddy through the whole process of giving blood because I was so excited for the opportunity to possibly save someone's life with my blood! It was really cool of the student council to host the blood drive, so we, students and staff, could

conveniently donate our blood."

Miss Becky Ritta, the student council sponsor, said, "We had a great group of leaders in the student council this year, and each event they planned was quite successful. It's unfortunate that we couldn't get much going for the Spring semester, but when you're dealing with weather issues and reduced class time, it's hard to find the time to do the type of events we wanted to."

The student council experienced many highs and lows when planning events for the school year, but the student body enjoyed all the events that the STUCO organized.

-Shanna Bailey (12)



Being on STUCO as a class officer was a fun opportunity for me. I loved getting to help plan the awesome events. I think everyone enjoyed Fairy Tale Day; I know I did!

-Tara Murphy (9)



This year was my first year giving blood. I didn't want to give blood at first because I hate needles, but in the end, I was happy I did because I know I helped someone else.

-Rachel McHargue (11)



Fairy Tale Day was a blast! There are so many different fairy tales; it was fun to see which characters my friends would choose to be.

-Alexis Hower (9)



Above: **Johnny Tseng (11)** and **Jack Hu (11)** warm up at the practice section before they drive on the other three exciting Go-Kart tracks. This year, international students went to Branson for their international trip.

Right: Under the instructions of Mr. Flynn, **Duc Chu (10)** uses a shotgun to shoot clay pigeons. On a nice weekend, boys went to Mr. Flynn's house to play baseball, barbecue, and shoot.



Right: **Sophia Songthangtham (11)** washes sticky rice in a special basket with **Bam Intuputi (11)**. The Thai girls made delicious coconut sticky rice for the Asian Dinner that was sold at the 2012 Dinner & Benefit Auction. The dinner couldn't be held prior to the end of the 2011-2012 school year, so the girls put it on in 2013.

Far right: After several failures, **Vicky Zhang (12)**, **Jeong Mi Kim (8)**, **Chloe Pham (10)**, **Dan Tran (11)**, **Hoa To (12)**, and **Ency Chen (12)** finally jump high into the air at the same time. Taking pictures together became one of the most fun activities in the dorm.



Stepping Up

Students who live in the dorm range from 13 to 19 years old. As a result, older students often take responsibility as sisters or brothers of younger students and help them in as many ways as they can. *"It's a good opportunity for seniors to show their leadership,"* said **Neil Lin (12)**.

In the dorm, students are assigned to do different kinds of dorm jobs, such as setting up food and washing dishes. Young students usually have no clue of what to do when they first come. *"When I first came here, I didn't know anything, and my old sisters helped me a lot,"* said **Jeong Mi Kim (8)**. Older students would come around and patiently answer their questions such as "Which cleaner should I use?" "Where should the pans go?" and "How can I fill the water cooler?"

Older students also encouraged younger ones to form good habits by modeling proper manners themselves. Small things such as knocking on the doors of others before entering, picking up their

own food in the kitchen after eating, and organizing the room in the morning are certainly not easy for younger ones to learn and to get used to. Sometimes the older ones became irritated at having to point out those improper behaviors. At the same time, the younger ones get tired of hearing their older sisters or brothers "prattle" on about their misbehaviors.

As they had more interactions and communications with each other, however, they started to understand each other better. **My Luu (11)** explained: *"At first, I didn't feel really comfortable to hear those, but later after I thought more about it, I realize that they are actually trying to help me."*

Older students also have a great impact on the grades of younger ones. Especially this year when there are no tutors in the dorms, older students serve not only as supervisors but also as tutors of different subjects in the dorm. In order to teach more accurately and

effectively, some seniors spontaneously distribute subjects and take responsibility of the subjects that they are talented at.

With the help from older sisters and brothers, the younger ones grow more independent and mature.

- Ency Chen (12)



I am so happy that I have the chance to wash dishes for my friends.

- James Lee (12)



I am free!

- Matt Kim (12)



I love my roommate (Daniel Kim (12)). He is so clean.

- Ichiro Hokazono (11)



Above: **Matt Kim** (12) speeds to catch up with **James Lee** (12) on his motorcycle. The hotel that the seniors and sponsors stayed at in Minnesota provided free arcade games. Every morning and night, a few students (and staff members) could be found in the arcade area.

Right: **Ashley Mazankowski** (12) and **Bekah Mead** (12) show their Timberwolves spirit as they anticipate the basketball game. Even though many students were not very familiar with the Timberwolves beforehand, they quickly became die-hard fans.



Right: **Ency Chen** (12) flies down the hill as she skis for the first time. For many students, skiing was a new and exciting experience. Most never had the opportunity to ski before, since a majority of the students had been raised in flat, mountainless Nebraska.

Far right: **Kim Deichmann** (12) (right) feeds **Shawna Ritta** (12) (left) a bite of her blue raspberry slushy as they wait for the Timberwolves game to begin. Many students agreed that the basketball game was a major highlight of their trip.



A New Set of Eyes

In February, the Class of 2013 traveled to Minneapolis, Minnesota, for their senior trip. The students had new experiences that they would never receive in small town Nebraska. These experiences, some good and some bad, opened up many of the students' eyes to the world around them. Each student came back from the trip seeing different parts of the world in a different light.

At a McDonald's in a ghetto part of Minneapolis, students were shocked by the state of the area. There was a homeless man asking students for money. This was a challenging situation for some students because they were afraid that the man would use the money for drugs not food. One student did give the man a few dollars out of compassion and to protect his fellow classmates. In the restroom of the McDonald's, students witnessed what appeared to be a drug exchange. The whole experience at McDonald's opened up the seniors' eyes to how hurting the world is and how in need it is of God's love.

The students toured a modern art museum, where they were met with confusing works of "art," such as a golden nail inside a box or a few splashes of color on paper. Much of the art seemed pointless, but *that* was the point. The artists were trying to convey that there is no purpose in this world. As they toured the museum, students felt an overwhelming sense of evil, as if the art was attacking God. **Shawna Ritta (12)** shared, *"I felt sick walking through the museum."* The museum showed students that the people of this world are searching for truth in all of the wrong places. Students were given a heart to share Jesus with all of those lost people.

During the trip, the class discovered that other people really do pay attention to how Christians act. One lady shared with a student on a ski lift that she was excited when she saw the Nebraska Christian bus. She was expecting the students to be "good kids." Also, as the students and staff prepared to leave the hotel that they were staying at, the hotel manager

pulled **Mr. Josh Cumpston** aside and applauded him on how well his Christian students were behaved. It was exciting for students and staff to see that others saw them emulating Christ. They were also challenged to make a conscious daily effort to act Christ-like and to be an example to others.

The senior trip was a great growing experience for everyone. Students grew closer God and other Christians. Through all of these experiences, students came home from the trip with a new set of eyes.

-Shanna Bailey (12)



The senior trip was not only a lot of fun but also a great bonding experience with some of my fellow classmates.

-Tanner Cooper (12)



Ending our senior trip with skiing was a great way relax and top it all off.

-Braden Moody (12)



It was fun to take a break from all of the seriousness of the trip.

-Anna Kirby (12)



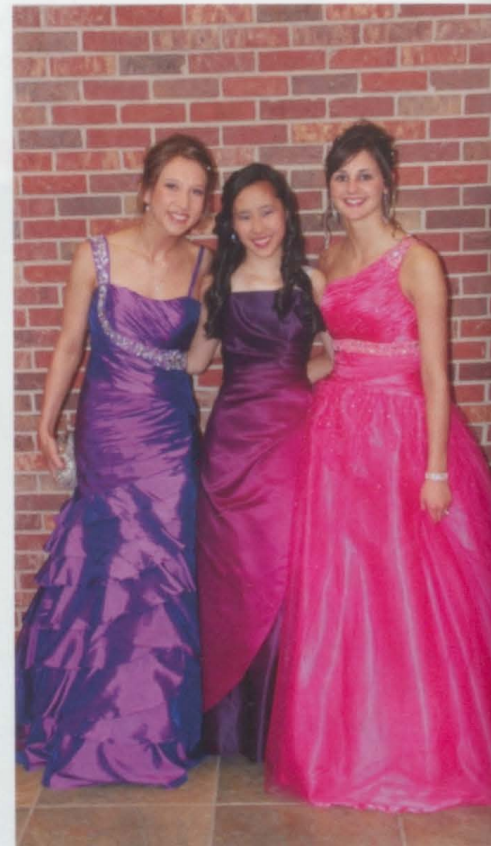
Above: **Anthony Faeh (12)** and **Kemery Myers (12)** race against the clock to complete a puzzle challenge. The after party was a big hit this year, as it provided games that all students were able to complete in.

Right: *Senior Class*. Front to back, left to right; Row 1: Shanna Bailey, Carrie Beck, Jae Welk, Heidi Hofmann, Tori Swanson. Row 2: Ashley Mazankowski, Vicky Zhang, Kim Deichmann, Shawna Ritta, Yena Yoo, Bekah Mead, Katie Griess, Anna Kirby, Lindsey Ngo, Sophia Zhang, Katherine Welk, Ency Chen, Hoa To, Mia Dinh. Row 3: Curtis Heuermann, Alex Frederick, Kemery Myers, Jahn Landrigan, Neil Lin, Matt Kim, James Royle, James Lee, Daniel Kim, Anthony Faeh, Jacob Winsterman, Andy La, Kyle Bui, Jeff Hilderbrand, Derek Rose, Tanner Cooper. Not pictured: Braden Moody.



Right: **Katie Griess (12)**, **Katherine Welk (12)**, and **Heidi Hofmann (12)** pose for a picture while mingling at the Honor Banquet. The seniors were able to finally enjoy and relax at the banquet this year rather than serve at it, as they had to last year.

Far right: **Hoa Tao (12)** peruses a tribute letter sent to her from Vietnam by her parents. Tribute letters were written by seniors to their parents and vice versa. They were an excellent way to let both seniors and parents know how much they were loved and appreciated.



Remember the Night

What's the recipe for a good time? Add a bunch of chic dresses, a dash of spiffy suits, and a sprinkling of camera flashes, and you've got the perfect ingredients for a memorable night. Honor Banquet, though still a new concept at Nebraska Christian, was a success yet again this year. The junior class put on a fabulous night for parents, pastors, staff, and senior students. **Whitney Twogood (11)** said, "*Decorating for Honor was a blast. It was cool to be able to hang out with my friends and make the church look awesome at the same time.*" It began with a picture session, moved on to a scrumptious dinner of brisket, rolls, beans, and potatoes, shuffled into a presentation of the seniors' many characteristics and accomplishments, and ended on a sweet note with a trip through the dessert bar.

After Honor, the students

changed and were bussed out to Timberlake Ranch Camp for a time of fellowship and fun. Upon walking in the door, students were greeted by music blasting through speakers and exhilarating games of volleyball, basketball, and soccer awaiting them. Snacks and drinks adorned corner tables tempting the already stuffed students to sit back and enjoy themselves.

The festivities soon began as the adults crowded the students together and explained that they would be participating in "A Minute To Win It!" The students were separated into groups and sent out to complete 10 tasks in the fastest amount of time possible. Events consisted of many things, ranging from fishing for pretzels to answering trivia questions outside. **James Royle (12)** stated, "*My favorite part about the after party was trying to eat a cookie off my forehead*

while using no hands." The festivities ended by one in the morning, and the students were shuttled back to school to eat a "breakfast" of eggs and sausage and to share wisdom with the juniors. All in all, it was a night to remember!

- **Katie Griess (12)**



It was a lot of fun getting dressed up and getting to spend time with friends and dorm parents before graduation!

- **Yena Yoo (12)**



Even though catching the cookie in my mouth was hard work, it tasted delicious!

- **Eric Kim (12)**



I thought the after party was a blast! My mom was in charge of the puzzles, so I knew what they all looked like ... maybe that's why they were so easy?

- **Dana Poppe (11)**



Above: **Tanner Cooper (12)** smiles for the camera as he receives his diploma from Board Treasurer Lanny Faeh. Cooper attended classes at Nebraska Christian for three years.

Right: **Tori Swanson (12)** thanks her family and friends for all of their love and support. During her speech, Swanson reflected on some of her favorite memories with her classmates.



Right: The 2013 seniors throw their hats in the air to celebrate graduation. The seniors were also allowed to ring the bell in the Ad Building to celebrate.

Far right: Dave Kauk tells a story about a calf while giving his speech during graduation. Kauk challenged the class to see who they really are when they no longer have a parent around to guide them.



Unforgettable

If there was one word to describe the class of 2013's graduation ceremony, it would be "memorable." The main reason was that the speaker, Dave Kauk, the administrator of Sutton Christian School, delivered a commencement that would be hard to forget.

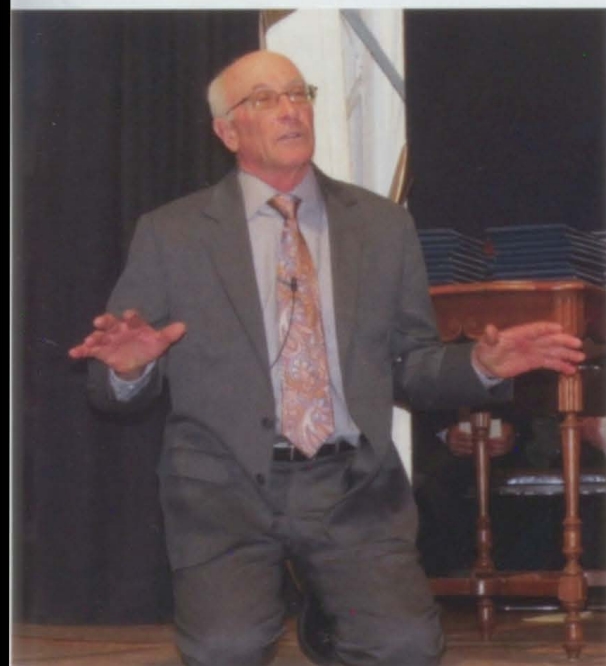
In his speech, he used several visual examples and props to deliver his message. The main theme of his message was integrity: who you are when no one is around. When you go to college, you are basically freed from your parents guidance and discipline, and you have to make decisions for yourself. Some keep to the faith after high school, while, sadly, many fall away from Christianity. Kauk explained this using duct tape ... yes, duct tape. He chose three "volunteers," **Alex Frederick (12)**, **Katie Griess (12)**, and **Curtis Heuermann (12)**, and

then proceeded to tape up one part of their bodies. Kauk bound up Frederick's feet, taped Griess's hands together, and stuck a piece across Heuermann's eyes. The meaning of this object lesson was that when we are with our parents, it's like we are duct taped. Their rules and guidelines cause us to avoid certain sins. Kauk then, one by one, stripped off the duct tape from the volunteers. This represents how when you go to college, those restrictions are gone. Some people go wild and crazy without these restrictions, and this shows the true heart of an individual.

During the ceremony, Kauk provided a way to test the integrity of the graduates. He explained that at the bottom of every chair of the graduates was an envelope filled with money from an anonymous donor. These envelopes were filled

randomly, with varying amounts of cash. There was one rule. They could not be opened until May 12. His challenge to the students was to wait to open said envelope, and to have a pure heart when they found how much money they received, not one of envy or pride. Only the graduates know what was in the envelopes, and hopefully they had a pure heart upon opening it. It was an unforgettable experience that many will look back upon in years to come.

-Tori Swanson
(12)



I really enjoyed the speaker's visual illustrations. They were funny but straight to the point.

-Bekah Mead (12)



When [Mr. Cumpston] said you're officially graduated, it was breathtaking.

-Neil Lin (12)



[My greatest memory was] looking out in the crowd and seeing all my friends and family that have supported me all through high school.

-Shawna Ritta (12)



Left: The Nebraska Christian choir praises the Lord through song during one of the day's choir tour stops. The choir members loved choir tours because they got to share their love for Christ to others through song.

Maintaining Balance

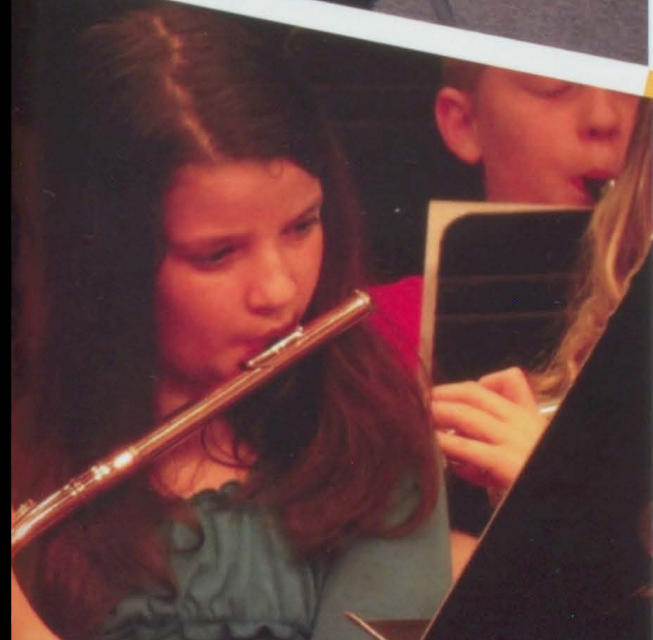


When playing Twister, participants must contort themselves in multiple directions to keep their hands and feet in the proper places while simultaneously attempting to maintain their balance. While high school students don't spend the majority of their time playing a literal game of Twister, many students this year were in multiple activities where they were forced to go in multiple directions while still trying to maintain their sense of gravity. Each student who was in an activity had to attend practices and meetings as well as participate in games or other competitions. In the midst of the chaos, students still had to keep up with all of their homework assignments.

Many students had to give up their precious weekends to either participate in or prepare for the activities in which they were involved. **Talitha Harrington (9)**, a dorm student from Columbus, wasn't always able to go home on the weekends because of her speech and choir commitments. *"It was a fun experience being able to go out for speech and choir, but being away from home those weekends was always a little tough,"* she said. Even students that lived in town found it a little difficult to keep up with everything including their activities. Although it was tough for students in various activities to find a balance in their schedules, most found that the chaos was worth the effort they put in. *"[Speech] was definitely worth it because I got to act and learn, but not having any Saturdays for about two months was very tiring. It cut into doing other things like potential babysitting jobs,"* explained **Hannah Myers(11)**.

Unquestionably, participating in activities is a big time commitment. You must pick and choose which activities would be most beneficial to you and which would just take away from your time to do other more important things. In the end, whatever you may choose to do, whether it's to be involved in everything or just to focus on your homework, do everything to the best of your abilities.

-**ShayeLeigh Cooper (10) & Bekah Mead (12)**



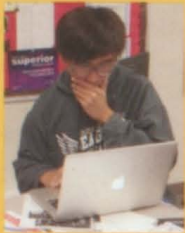
Above Left: **Bekah Mead (12)**, **Katie Griess(12)**, and **Tori Swanson (12)** work heartily on yearbook, tossing ideas back and forth. The 2013 yearbook staff members were made up mostly of seniors who will be passing the torch down to the remaining two underclassmen.

Left: **Madison Felt (6)** and **Amanda Hilderbrand (5)** concentrate on their music during the 5th and 6th grade band performance at the Spring Concert. Every 5th and 6th grader is required to take band, and some like it so much that they choose to stick with it all the way through their high school years.

Innovation



We work for the people, by the people. The 'people' keep us busy!
-James Lee (12)



It's called media, but it doubles as a good business class. We've learned advertising and how to appeal to the consumer.
-Jack Hu (11)



Our media class is very close. We work in groups and help each other out.
-Dana Poppe (11)

2012 ushered in a new age in Nebraska Christian history with NC's first media class. Students learned to run equipment to live stream home events, write a blog, and keep up a web page.

Live streaming home events was a new concept to the class, but they quickly caught on. They provided fans who couldn't be at the games or events with an evening of entertainment. **Bekah Mead** (12) shared, "It was nice to be able to watch a

few of our games when I couldn't make it to them because I was injured."

The students were also given the opportunity to write blog posts on the newly redesigned NC website. **Mrs. Stephani Franci** spoke with the class about how to write a blog and gave the students ideas for blog posts. The students were then given the freedom to write their own articles. Students posted blogs on various topics, including the senior trip and the

benefit auction.

The media students also helped maintain the Nebraska Christian Facebook page, regularly updating it with NC announcements, sports news, and reminders. **Hannah Myers** (11) said, "It was cool being able to share news with everyone on the Facebook page!"

NC took a leap of faith with its new media class, and that leap was met with successful results.

-Shanna Bailey (12)



Above: Diligently taking notes, **Sophia Songthangtham** (11) completes her media assignment. During second quarter, the class studied a book on using social media for marketing.



Above: **Hannah Myers** (11) keeps score for a live streaming game on Striv.tv. Students had to be on their toes to keep the scores constantly updated on the website.



Left: Front to back, left to right. Row 1: Dana Poppe (11), Hannah Myers (11), Bam Intuputi (11), Yena Yoo (12), Sophia Songthangtham (11), Meagen Dittmer (10). Row 2: James Lee (12), Jack Hu (11), Matt Kim (12). Not pictured: My Luu (11), Carrie Beck (12), Joe Vu (11).

Keeping Peace

Peace. Tranquility. Harmony. These words epitomize the 2012-2013 yearbook year. All of the staff members worked well together, and with their unity, they were able to complete their page assignments on time.

They were so unified, in fact, that it only took the students one class period to decide on the theme of the yearbook and to plan out the ladder. **Co-editor Bekah Mead (12)** said, "It was neat seeing how quickly the yearbook came together this year, as opposed to years past, where it would take us at least a week to plan out the

yearbook."

The diligent staff was composed of seven seniors who were passing the proverbial torch down to the three underclassmen in the class. **Adviser Becky Ritta** said, "The maturity and experience the seniors brought to our staff helped us produce a quality book. Hopefully, other students will see the fun we have in yearbook and want to join us!"

With all of the productivity, students were regularly left with down time between deadlines. Students used this time to catch up on

homework.

Business Manager Heidi Hofmann (12) shared, "Sometimes, I work on my CCC class, and if I have time I'll get on Pinterest."

Though the end of the year didn't go as smoothly as the beginning, and staff members scrambled to put the final touches on the yearbook, the yearbook staff completed the Reflector without any major issues, through a perfect mixture of a strong work ethic, unity, and fun.

-**Shanna Bailey (12)**

I enjoy taking pictures for yearbook, but it makes me feel like a stalker.

-**CJ Ruybalid (10)**



Yearbook was my hardest class, but I enjoyed taking pictures.

-**Eric Kim (11)**



Since we have more people in yearbook this year, my job is easier.

-**Ency Chen (12)**



Above: **Bekah Mead (12)** and **Tori Swanson (12)** play an intense game of "Guess Who?" while **ShayeLeigh Cooper (10)** observes. The yearbook staff needed to conduct this kind of "research" to do their game-themed yearbook justice.

Right: Front to back, left to right. Row 1: **ShayeLeigh Cooper (10)**, **Ency Chen (12)**, **Co-editor Bekah Mead (12)**, **Co-editor Tori Swanson (12)**, **Business Manager Heidi Hofmann (12)**. Row 2: **CJ Ruybalid (10)**, **Eric Kim (11)**, **Shanna Bailey (12)**, **Adviser Becky Ritta**, **Katie Griess (12)**. Not Pictured: **Neil Lin (12)**.



Above: **Katie Griess (12)** and **Heidi Hofmann (12)** enjoy a lighthearted moment between article deadlines. Yearbook students were quick to share funny photos that they had taken of the student body.





I really enjoyed this year's band, and I will miss the seniors next year.

-Adrian Epp (10)



It's fun to work with other people and their instruments, especially on the Phantom of the Opera songs.

-Kevin Cheng (11)



Mr. Flynn is the best (and only) band instructor that I've ever had!

-Marilla Flynn (8)

Loud Leaders

The Nebraska Christian band carries a long tradition of excellence not only in contests, but on the sidelines of various sporting events, as well. The 2013 band did not disappoint! Coming into the year (just as it is with every new year) there were key positions left empty by the previous year's seniors, and as a result, the band's younger members were called upon to step up and lead.

This leadership began to surface after a few pre-game performances on the sidelines of the

football field. At that point, it was clear that the band was coming together.

The band was comprised of many long-time band students, many of whom were sixth-year seniors. This experience made for a fun and strong-sounding band.

Eventually, music contest time came, and the band was ready. For the fifth straight year, the band earned superior ratings and received plaques at both the Goldenrod Conference and District music

contests.

The band capped off its successful year with one last performance at Nebraska Christian's Spring Concert. The band played one of its contest pieces, as well as a couple of new tunes that set a precedent for new styles and calibers of music in the band's repertoire. All in all, it was a great year for the Nebraska Christian band, and the future of the band looks even brighter!

-Scott Smith (11)

Below: **Scott Smith (11)**, **Jahn Landrigan (12)**, and **James Royle (12)** pump up NC sports fans with some joy-filled tunes. Band members (and former members like Landrigan) were able to utilize their talents all throughout the year by playing pep band at the various sporting events.



Above: **Yena Yoo (12)** plays "The Phantom of the Opera Suite" with the band at the Spring Concert. Yoo, an accomplished musician, also accompanied the choir on some of its songs throughout the year.



Left: *Concert Band*. Row 1: Dana Poppe (11), Anna Kirby (12), Kimberly Deichmann (12), Victoria Boersen (11), Liz Smith (10), Reagan Williams (8), Jessica Hilderbrand (8), Katie Cumpston (9). Row 2: Vicky Zhang (12), Brittany Ritta (10), Sophia Zhang (12), Yena Yoo (12), Shawna Ritta (12), Kevin Cheng (11), Mr. Mike Flynn. Row 3: Maddie Kirby (10), Marilla Flynn (8), Adrian Epp (10), Scott Smith (11), Alexis Gulbranson (11), Cole Ruybalid (8). Row 4: Tommy Flynn (8), Matthew Myers (9), James Royle (12), Juan Lasso (8), Joel Poppe (12), Anthony Faeh (12), Andrew Feely (7), Daniel Myers (7), Meagen Dittmer (10). Row 5: Beran Fisher (11), Danny Stevens (11), Micah Smith (7), Chase Gulbranson (7), Myles Wheeler (10), Zoe Flynn (11), Chase Kvols (11). Row 6: Alexis Hower (9), Katherine Welk (12), Warren Dexter (10), Braden Moody (12), Whitney Heuermann (9).

Above right: **Cameron Langemeier (9)** and **Matthew Myers (9)** sing praises to God as they participate in a freshman vocal ensemble. The choir freshmen displayed so much musical talent that Mr. **Mike Flynn** placed all of them in an ensemble for music contest.

Joyfully Sing

Throughout all the years that **Mr. Mike Flynn** has been teaching music at Nebraska Christian, he has always chosen choir songs with strong Christian themes. The 2012-2013 school year was no exception. He chose several songs that stirred the hearts of those that sang and heard them.

One song, "Lead Me Back" by Pepper Choplin, spoke to many hearts. The song is based on the parable of the prodigal son found in Luke 15:11-32. Through the song, the singers begged God to lead them back to Him because they had

been wandering away from God, and they felt lifeless without Him. This song touched **Zoe Flynn (11)** in 2010 when she heard first heard the song. She shared, "Even though I had grown up in a Christian home, hearing that song was the first time I was receptive to Jesus' knock on my heart."

Another song, "Come To Jesus" by Chris Rice, follows the life of a Christian from start to finish. Whether they were a unbeliever considering putting their faith in God or an older Christian ready to join Christ in Heaven,

everyone who heard or sang this song could relate to at least one verse. **Kim Deichmann (12)** stated, "This is a beautiful song that demonstrates God's power to change lives."

Perhaps the choir's favorite song to sing was "Let Everything That Hath Breath" by Jeffery Ames. This song was a soulful gospel song. Students radiated joy whenever they sang the song. The joy overflowed to those who listened to the choir sing praises to God.

-Shanna Bailey (12)

It's funny to see who's sleeping in class when I take roll for Mr. Flynn.
-Zoe Flynn (11)



I LOVE CHOIR!!! Choir and choir tours are awesome, so everyone should join choir.

-April Faeh (11)



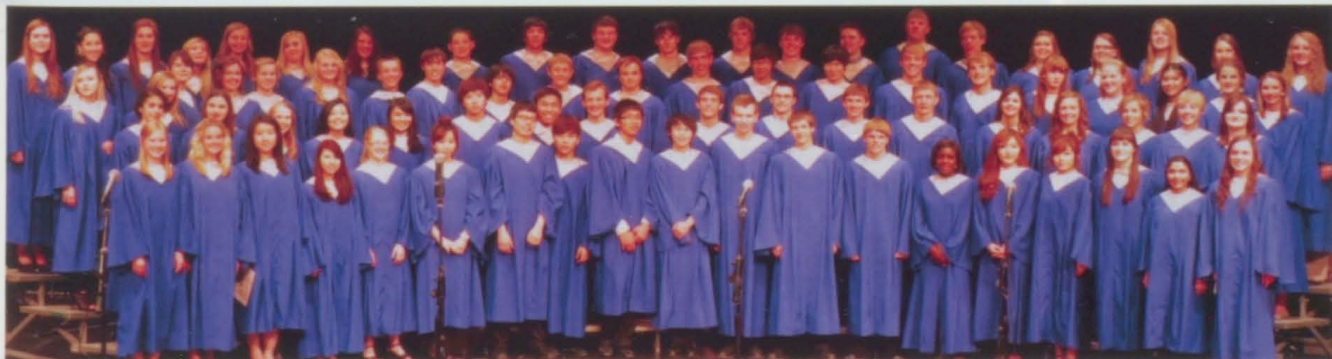
The choir has become like an extended family to me. I love praising God with all of my friends.

-Taylor Swantek (10)



Below: Concert Choir. Row 1: Katie Cumpston, Hannah Myers*, Sophia Zhang, Mia Dinh, Carrie Beck, Chloe Pham, Chihoon Lee, Andy La, Kevin Cheng*, Ichiro Hokazono, Beran Fisher*, Jerron Tiemeyer, Matthew Myers, Rubi McHargue, Yena Yoo*, Dan Tran, Zoe Flynn*, Dana Poppe, Hope Baldwin. Row 2: Talitha Harrington, Susan Hofmann, Hannah Ritta, Lindsey Ngo, Ency Chen, Neil Lin*, Kyle Bui, Adrian Epp*, Matthew Swanson, Braden Moody, Hans Epp*, Keagan Jewell, Heidi Hofmann*, Cailyn Ostrand*, Talia Murphy, April Faeh*, Shanna Bailey. Row 3: Meagen Dittmer, Victoria Boersen, Jade Mieth, Rachel McHargue, Emily Simmons, Taylor Swantek*, Ethan Unruh, Myles Wheeler, Joey Hu, Cameron Langemeier, Anthony Faeh*, Dillon Rose, Matt Kim, James Lee*, Logan Faeh, Derek Rose*, Madison Fuehrer, Brittany Ritta, Sophia Songthangtham, Tara Murphy, Alexis Hower. Row 4: Kim Deichmann*, Katherine Welk*, Whitney Twogood*, Tori Swanson, Cassidy Ostrand, Maddie Kirby, McKenna Loy, Scott Smith*, Johnny Tseng*, Chase

Kvols*, Kemery Myers, Alex Frederick, Tanner Cooper, James Royle*, Curtis Heuermann*, Jahn Landrigan*, Anna Kirby*, Shawna Ritta, Whitney Heuermann, Katie Griess, Bekah Mead*. (*In Master's Musicians Ensemble.)



Choir



Helping out at the blood drive was fun, but giving blood was even better. At least I'm somebody's Type!
-Taylor Van Pelt (10)



It's a blast to watch people make fools of themselves at Student Council events.
-Katie Griess (12)



Writing encouragement notes is really awesome because you get to make people feel good about themselves!
-Tori Swanson (12)

Come Together

Often times, students do not understand the laborious time and effort that is involved in the planning of student council events. Student Council must all meet together over a lunch hour and bounce numerous ideas off of one another. The ideas must appeal to the student body but also fit within the time restraints set for student council.

This year, the student body was able to enjoy a handfull of action-packed and thought-provoking activities. The Student Council put on game shows packed with

absurd questions, Encouragement Week abounding with letters, Popsicle booths dripping sweet treats, and crazy cereal challenges urging two people to work as a single unit.

Although Student Council activities always promise laughter and fun, they also teach students what they are capable of when they work as a team. The Bible tells us in 1 Corinthians 12:20-25 that a body cannot function with just one eye or one hand. You need every part of the body present and working in order for it to function.

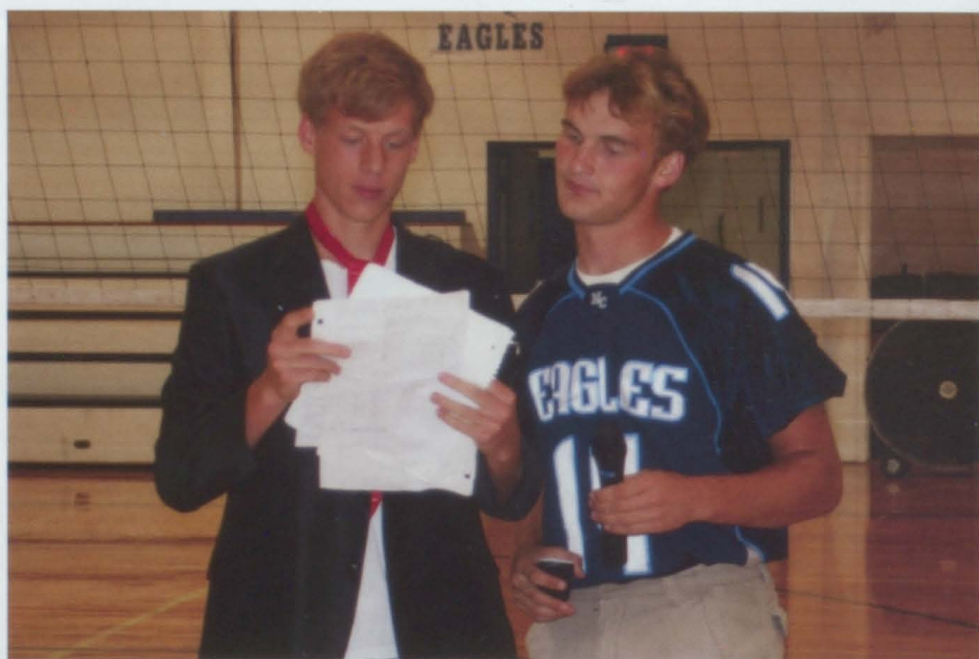
These verses were illustrated at Student Council activities throughout the year as some students excelled at thinking games while others thrived in physical challenges.

When students were placed into teams, they learned to rely on their teammates' abilities in order to prosper during the games, and not just their own. **Anthony Faeh (12)** summed it up well, saying, "*Being on Student Council was a great tool to get people to encourage one another and develop a deeper sense of unity.*"

-Katie Griess (12)



Above: Student Council Officers. Treasurer **Derek Rose (12)**, President **Jahn Landrigan (12)**, Vice President **Katie Griess (12)**, Secretary **Neil Lin (12)**.



Above: **Jahn Landrigan (12)** and **Derek Rose (12)** peruse the game plan for an action packed Student Council (STUCO) Event. Both Landrigan and Rose continually offered fresh and exciting ideas for STUCO events.



Left: Student Council. Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Katie Griess (12), Tara Murphy (9), Whitney Twogood (11). Row 2: Tori Swanson (12), Taylor Van Pelt (10), Jaydon Elge (8), Anthony Faeh (12), Hans Epp (11). Row 3: Jahn Landrigan (12), Trevor Swanson (9), Derek Rose (12), Neil Lin (12), Luke Swanson (7). (Not pictured: Ethan Unruh (10), Adviser Becky Ritta.)

Bright Minds

Pencils poised, buzzers ready, thinking caps on. Check, check, and check! This year's Quiz Bowl team was comprised of a promising group of students full of intellect and an uncanny ability to answer the most difficult questions.

The 2013 Quiz Bowl team boasted five seniors who shouldered the underclassmen while teaching them the tips and tricks along the way. The underclassmen quickly caught on and were a great asset to the

team. In fact, Nebraska Christian won the 2013 Conference meet as a result. Team captain **Kim Deichmann (12)** stated, "It was great to be able to count on everyone to contribute in some way, especially in the bonus events. The underclassmen really stepped it up and proved to be a force to be reckoned with."

Nebraska Christian also competed well in the District Quiz Bowl Meet placing second to Columbus and securing a spot at State. The team

traveled all the way to Holdrege to participate in the State Quiz Bowl Meet.

Nebraska Christian performed stupendously there as well, receiving fifth place out of twenty seven total teams. **Scott Smith (11)** said, "Even though I've been on the Quiz Bowl team all three years, this year's team was definitely the best. We had so much fun together, and I will miss the seniors for sure."

-Katie Griess (12)

Quiz Bowl was super fun this year! The questions were a step up from junior high meets, but I learned a lot.

-Katie Cumpston (9)



I am really looking forward to competing in meets next year.

-Whitney Heuermann (9)



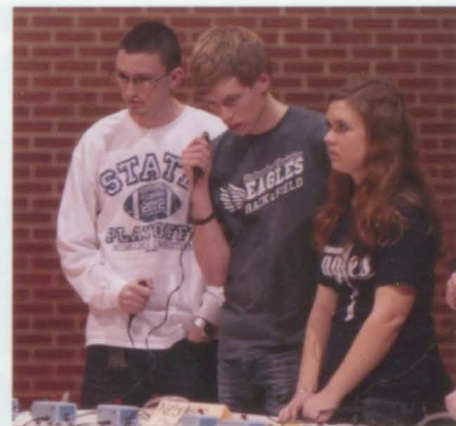
Quiz Bowl isn't really my thing... I just do it to get out of school!

-Jahn Landrigan (12)



Above: 2013 Quiz Bowl Competitors **Braden Moody (12)**, **Jahn Landrigan (12)**, **Kim Deichmann (12)**, **Scott Smith (12)**, and **Katie Cumpston (9)** furiously scribble out an answer to a math question during the Conference meet. This year, numerous seniors and a smattering of intelligent underclassmen formed a nearly unstoppable team.

Right: *High School Quiz Bowl Team.* Front to back, left to right. Row 1: **Scott Smith (11)**, **Tori Swanson (12)**, **Kim Deichmann (12)**, **Katie Cumpston (9)**, **Sophia Zhang (12)**. Row 2: **Sophia Songthantham (11)**, **Kevin Cheng (11)**, **Braden Moody (12)**, **Jahn Landrigan (12)**, **Whitney Heuermann (9)**. (Not pictured: Coach Dee Flynn.)



Above: Buzzers at the ready, **Braden Moody (12)**, **Jahn Landrigan (12)**, and **Kim Deichmann (12)** pensively concentrate on a question during the Conference meet. Moody, Landrigan, and Deichmann were all veterans to the team this year and could always be counted on to answer the toughest questions.



Joyous Unity



Oh, the stories from our bus rides!
-Taylor Van Pelt (10)



WHAT?!
-Jeff Hilderbrand (12)



Drama is the first and last time that I will wear makeup.
-James Royle (12)

"Sound the trumpets: it's 9th period!" "Best class of the day!" "Yes, it's time for Drama!" These exclamations were uttered daily as students entered the drama classroom. The students' love for this class was rooted in the new drama teacher, **Mr. Jeff Hower**, who incorporated games and group discussion into the class.

All students participated in Mr. Hower's improvisational acting games, which were very helpful for students who were more timid about

acting. **Shawna Ritta (12)** concurred: "*The games helped me block out the audience during the actual performance.*" As students stepped out of their comfort zones, they became united. By the end of the season, the team had grown into a family.

This very vocal family had trouble deciding on a play for competition because they constantly weighed the pros and cons of all the plays they previewed. Eventually, they settled on *Check, Please?* The one-act is

about a man and woman who keep ending up on wacky dates. In the end, the pair finds each other, and they live sanely ever after.

The team received 5th place at Conference and 7th place at Districts. Even though the overall results were not stellar, the team still had a blast performing.

Emily Simmons (10) summed up the season perfectly by saying, "*We weren't amazing, but we still had fun as friends and as a team.*"

-Shanna Bailey (12)

onship with the Lord Jesus Christ



Left: Front to back, left to right; Row 1: Talitha Harrington (9), Emily Simmons (10), Tara Murphy (9), Madison Fuehrer (9), Taylor Van Pelt (10), Shawna Ritta (12), Lydia Johnson (10). Row 2: Shanna Bailey (12), James Royle (12), Jahn Landrigan (12), Neil Lin (12), Derek Rose (12), Cassidy Ostrand (9). Not pictured: Isaac Boon (9), Jeff Hilderbrand (12), Coach Jeff Hower.

Above: **Jahn Landrigan (12)** discovers how a Bears fan (**Cassidy Ostrand [9]**) reacts to losing a football game. Landrigan admitted, "*She was actually terrifying.*"

Above: **Talitha Harrington (9)** and **Madison Fuehrer (9)** prepare to perform a short play in class. The students tested out play snippets during their search for a one-act play for competition.



Team Tuesdays

In 2013, speech coaches Miss Charissa Smith and Miss Becky Ritta introduced a new idea to their speech team: speech nights. Speech nights occurred every Tuesday night during the speech season from right after school until about 8:30 PM. Tuesdays were designed for the speakers to improve their speeches, bond as a team, and enjoy a delicious meal.

Team members were able to receive input on their speeches from their coaches, volunteer coaches, and fellow teammates. It was very

beneficial for the speakers to receive so much input. Team members were able to improve their pieces greatly. Beran Fisher (11) said, "Tuesdays also kept me accountable to practice every week."

With so much team involvement, the teammates were able to develop strong bonds. These bonds really solidified friendships. Talitha Harrington (9) said, "Speech nights helped me get to know my other teammates' personalities through their speeches."

Food has a strange unifying power about it.

The team looked forward to fellowshiping over a delicious bowl of soup or a slice of pizza every speech night. In fact, some people only came for the food. Among that number, James Royle (12) stated, "I love food; therefore, I loved speech nights."

The team members agreed that speech nights were a great idea. They noticed the benefits of the Tuesday practices as they gave their speeches at meets, and they forged strong friendships that would last beyond the speech season.

-Shanna Bailey (12)

I love making funny faces in our OID.

-Tori Swanson (12)



Sometimes OID practice gets a little out of hand...

-Shanna Bailey (12)



I love the camaraderie with the other competitors, and I enjoy the friendly competition with them.

-Scott Smith (11)



Above: As teenagers working at a summer job, Vicky Zhang (12) and Sophia Zhang (12) take over the radio station because they accidentally knocked their boss unconscious. Zhang and Zhang kept their audiences in hysterics as they endeavored to run the station. The duo won the Hammer invite and qualified for state.

Right: Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Ency Chen (12), Yena Yoo (12), My Luu (11), Hannah Myers (11), Taylor Van Pelt (10), Talitha Harrington (9), Vicky Zhang (12). Row 2: Assistant Coach Becky Ritta, Lindsey Ngo (12), Kim Deichmann (12), Tori Swanson (12), Katherine Welk (12), Sophia Zhang (12), April Faeh (11), Shanna Bailey (12), Scott Smith (11), Head Coach Charissa Smith. Row 3: Neil Lin (12), Hans Epp (11), Johnny Tseng (11), Adrian Epp (10), Matthew Myers (9), Chloe Pham (10), Zoe Flynn (11), Maddie Kirby (10), Shawna Ritta (12), Whitney Heuermann (9), Jeff Hilderbrand (12). Row 4: Cameron Langemeier (9), Jahn Landrigan (12), James Royle (12). Not pictured: Kevin Cheng (11), Beran Fisher (11), Talia Murphy (11), Whitney Twogood (11).



Above: As an unlicensed dentist, Jahn Landrigan (12) (right) attempts to extract a priest (James Royle [12])'s tooth. Landrigan and Royle experienced great success with their duet throughout the season, placing first at conference, district, and state.





Left: Katie Cumpston (9),
Tori Swanson (12),
and Meagen Dittmer
(10) launch forward at the
beginning of a cross country
race. It's crucial to start fast at
the beginning of a race so you don't
get boxed in by other runners.



STRATEGIC APPROACH

Battleship: a game of guessing and wits. You need to be clever to figure out just exactly where those ships are. Strategy is necessary to win. Similarly, in sports, you also need strategy in order to succeed. Obviously in technical sports such as basketball or football, you have plays for different situations. For example, in basketball, if the score is close and the game is almost over, a full court press would be appropriate to try to slow the opponent down as much as possible. **Bekah Mead (12)** said, *"In volleyball, you serve to certain spots, where the weaker players are. In hitting, you try and aim it to open spots, or to their setter. Strategy is very important."*

But strategy isn't needed only in the technical sports. Cross country and track are highly strategized as well. In cross country, most people think it's simple: you just run. Some people do compete that way, but most of the time, you have to strategize so you don't kill yourself by running too fast, too soon. Similarly, in the distance races in track, you have to plan carefully how you're going to run. **Hans Epp (11)** said, *"There is a lot of strategy to distance running. You need to know when to draft, when to pass, and you need to really know who you are racing. My strategy usually is to stick behind the leaders and burn them in the last lap."* This strategy served Epp well, as he won the Class C 800 meter race at the State Track Meet.

Whether you are tearing up the football field, circling laps around a track, or scuffling on the basketball court, it is absolutely necessary to strategize, because, honestly, sports are a battlefield.

-Tori Swanson (12)

Above Left: **Danny Stevens (11)** vaults with ease over the bar at a track meet. Although this was Stevens' first year of pole vaulting, his skill in gymnastics helped him pick up the event quickly.

Left: **Katie Griess (12)**, **Bekah Mead (12)**, **Cailyn Ostrand (11)**, **Heidi Hofmann (12)**, **Cassidy Ostrand (9)**, and **Amber Mazankowski (10)** joyously celebrate a point scored in a volleyball game. Scoring points was always a reason for celebration.

senior LEADERSHIP

Though the 2012 Nebraska Christian football team lacked players and had a mediocre record, they worked hard and with great determination. These two factors helped advance them to the first round of the state playoffs later in the season, even though the number of players was vastly smaller than in 2011. In the playoff game, NC scored 20 points against the top-rated Howells-Dodge. *"I thought that the football team improved throughout the year, and I appreciated the effort they put forth. They always played hard and never gave up no matter what team we played,"* stated Coach Andy Falk.

The football team had many new members. Carson Huenefeld (10), who joined the team as a sophomore, said, *"Even though I didn't play as a freshman, I went out this year. It was a good year, and I learned a lot from Coach David Gee and playing with the seniors. I'll miss the seniors next year."*

Next year the team will lose nine seniors. Coach Carl Ostrand said, *"I felt the seniors were strong leaders. They practiced well, which led to steady improvement throughout the season."*

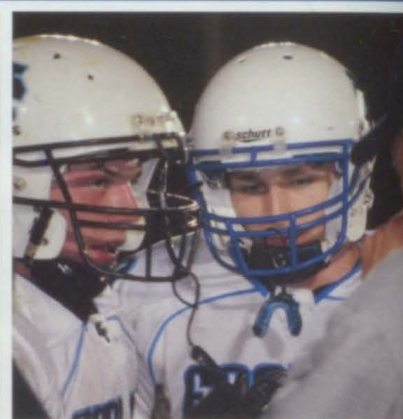
Hopefully the standard of leadership and hard work the seniors set will carry through to the players next season.

-Eric Kim(11)

McCool Junction 16-42
Loup City 20-45
Palmer 0-49
Elgin/Pope John 8-44
East Butler 44-18
Shelby-Rising City 56-28
Cross County 34-0
High Plains 0-46
Howells-Dodge 20-44

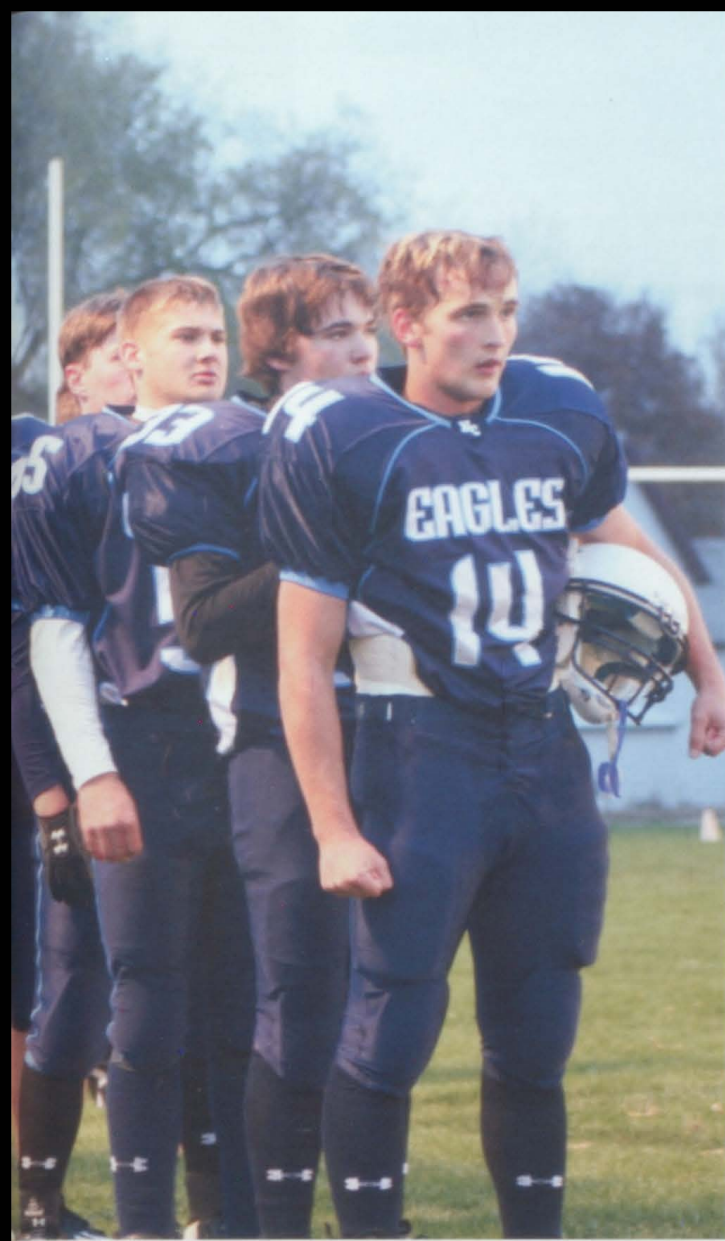


Above: Aided by Curtis Heuermann (12), Carson Huenefeld (10) shoves the blocker to the ground and jumps over him. Unfortunately, Huenefeld was caught before reaching the end zone.



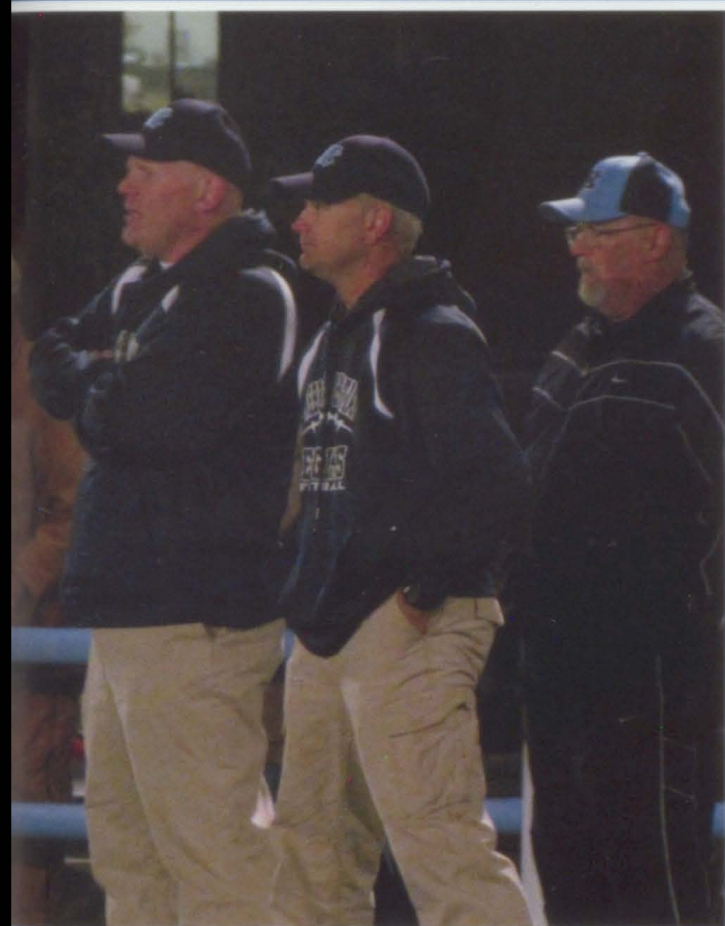
Above: During halftime of the High Plains game, Tanner Cooper(12) and Kemery Myers(12) listen intently as Coach Carl Ostrand strategizes for the second half. Cooper and Myers both made seven tackles during the game.

Right: Coaches Carl Ostrand, Andy Falk and David Gee watch the game from the side lines. Gee, who was new to the coaching staff this year, specialized in aiding the kickers' technique.



Left: The football team stands for the national anthem, anxiously waiting to pummel Cross County. Nebraska Christian won 34-0.

Below: *Football Team*. Front to back, left to right; Row 1: Dillon Rose (9), Logan Fach (9), Matthew Swanson (10), Keagan Jewell (10), Myles Wheeler (10), Danny Stevens (11), Chase Kvols (11), Eric Kim (11), Scott Smith (11), Zachary Brock (10), Carson Huenefeld (10), Trevor Swanson (9), Carson Falk (9). Row 2: Isaac Boon (9), Jeff Hilderbrand (12), Curtis Heuermann (12), Jacob Winsterman (12), Tanner Cooper (12), Kemery Myers (12), James Lee (12), Student Manager Luke Swanson (7). Row 3: Brandon Moody (12), Kevin Cheng (11), Larry Santillan (10), Derek Rose (12), Aron Park (10), Alex Frederick (12). Not Pictured: Head Coach Carl Ostrand, Assistant Coach Andy Falk, Assistant Coach David Gee.



Pain is temporary; quitting is forever.

-Keagan Jewell (10)



Football was a great experience, I wouldn't trade it for anything.

-Danny Stevens (11)



Football was really fun this year because I got to play with my brother.

-Matthew Swanson (10)

bonding TOGETHER

Below: Cailyn Ostrand (11) hits the ball past the blocker's hands. Ostrand aided the team in both setting and hitting this year.

As the 2012 volleyball season got underway, the girls were enthusiastic to begin playing again because they already felt a strong bond carried over from summer playing. Even though new teammates joined at the beginning of the season, they quickly felt accepted and enjoyed spending time with the team. *"It was scary at first, but, as the season went on, I grew closer to the girls,"* said McKenna Loy (9), one of the many new members to the volleyball team.

Through many activities such as pre-season jetskiing at the lake, jamming out to music in the locker room, and eating out for lunch, the team bonded closer than ever before. Cailyn Ostrand (11) commented, *"We actually enjoyed playing with each other this year...and rocking out to the boot scooting boogie!"*

From singing in the locker room to playing games, the team continued to stick together. Even though the season was filled with exciting wins and crushing losses, the team persevered together, continuing to improve their skills and glorify God through their actions.

-Heidi Hofmann (12)



Above: Heidi Hofmann (12) and Amber Mazankowski (10) attempt to block the opposing team. The team spent much practice time working on blocking to prepare for aggressive teams.



Above: During a Junior Varsity game, Cedar Rapids, Susan Hofmann (9) passes the ball as teammate Rubi McHargue (9) watches intently. JV games help younger and more inexperienced players gain confidence and improve their volleyball skills.

Right: Bekah Mead (12) powerfully serves the ball at the opposing team. Mead aided the team both in practice and during games with her aggressive serves.

Heartland Lutheran 2-0	St. Edward 2-0
Palmer 1-2	Osceola 2-1
High Plains 3-0	Elkhorn Valley 2-0
Elba/NLS 2-0	Lindsay Holy Family 2-1
Burwell 2-1	High Plains 2-0
Elgin Public/Pope John 1-2	Fullerton 3-0
Cedar Valley 0-2	Lindsay Holy Family 0-3
Giltner 0-2	Heartland 0-3
Mead 1-2	Humphrey St. Francis 3-1
Heartland Lutheran 2-0	Parkview Christian 2-0
Hampton 0-3	Dorchester 2-0
Heartland Lutheran 0-3	Shelby/Rising City 1-3
Spalding/SA 0-2	JV Record: 7-11
Fullerton 2-0	



Left: During the last night of home volleyball games, **Amber Mazankowski (10)** spikes the ball at the opposing team as teammates **Cassidy Ostrand (9)**, **Emily Simmons (10)**, and **Heidi Hofmann (12)** get low on defense. The Lady Eagles went 7-0 at home this year.

Below: *Volleyball Team*. Front to back, left to right; Row 1: **Heidi Hofmann (12)**, **Ashley Mazankowski (12)**, **Katie Griess (12)**, **Bekah Mead (12)**. Row 2: **Amber Mazankowski (10)**, **Cailyn Ostrand (11)**, **Hope Baldwin (10)**, **Victoria Boersen (11)**, **Emily Simmons (10)**. Row 3: **Rubi McHargue (9)**, **Talitha Harrington (9)**, **MaKenna Loy (9)**, **Tara Murphy (9)**, **Whitney Heuermann (9)**, **Cassidy Ostrand (9)**, **Susan Hofmann (9)**, **Alexis Hower (9)**. Not pictured: **Taylor Van Pelt (10)**, Head Coach **Tonya Ostrand**, Assistant Coach **Steph Mazankowski**.



*My favorite part of volleyball is getting smacked in the face by **Amber [Mazankowski (10)]** ... and **Cailyn [Ostrand (11)]** ... and **Katie [Griess (12)]**.
-Alexis Hower (9)*



*I really enjoyed this last year. We were more successful than in prior years because we learned to work together as a team and, as result of this, became closer friends.
-Katie Griess (12)*



*Team bonding was a huge thing that helped us play together this year. We will especially miss our seniors since they led us not only on the court, but also in synchronized dancing. It just won't be the same without them!
-Emily Simmons (10)*

success in TEAMWORK

Cross Country may be known for building up endurance, but it also constructs team unity. "When your team is dedicated to each other and fights together, you can truly find success in Christ," stated **Jahn Landrigan (12)**. The 2012 Nebraska Christian Cross Country team learned about the kind of bond that cannot be separated by pain or loss. When a team fights for Christ together, there is no turning back.

The boys' team made it all the way to State for the third year in a row, glorifying Christ the whole way. The Lord blessed the boys team with the ability to win state and become the 2012 Class D Champions! The boys won back in 2010 and made runner-up in 2011. Now the boys became the second team to win a championship in any sport in Nebraska Christian history.

"Cross Country has taught me to work as a team, be encouraging, build endurance, and put my trust in Christ to get me through the race," said **Madison Fuehrer (9)**. The 2012 Cross Country season was successful because everyone sacrificed their time, worked hard, and depended on Christ's power every step of the way.

- CJ Ruybalid (10)

Below: **Jahn Landrigan (12)** races towards the finish with **Hans Epp (11)** right behind him. Landrigan placed 1st at the Albion meet and Epp followed him in a close 2nd.



Above: **Rachel McHargue (11)** pushes toward the finish line at the Central City meet. McHargue will be taking up a leadership role next year as a senior.



Above: **Cameron Langemeier (9)** works on his stride during the second Albion invite. The Albion course was especially hard due to the treacherous climbs and numerous hills.

Right: **Tori Swanson (12)**, **Hannah Myer (11)**, and **Megan Dittmer (10)** compete for first at the beginning of the district race. Swanson said, "I always try to start out really fast, then coast the rest of the way."

	Boys:	Girls:
Albion Invite	1st	9th
Bow Invite	4th	10th
CC Invite	1st	6th
Albion Invite	3rd	
UNK Invite	1st	15th
Hastings Invite	1st	3rd
McCool Junction Invite	1st	5th
District D-2 Oakland	1st	8th
State Meet, Kearney	1st	



Left: The boys' cross country team sprints forward at the beginning of the Elementary Carnival's popsicle run. The team earned enough popsicles at the event to last them the entire season.

Below: Left to Right: Row 1: Rachel McHargue (11), Katherine Welk (12), Katie Cumpston (9), Tori Swanson (12), Meagen Dittmer (10), Talia Murphy (11), Hannah Myers (11), Coach Janet Landrigan. Row 2: Volunteer Coach Matthew Musgrave, CJ Ruybalid (10), Cameron Langemeier (9), Zac Dockweiler (9), Matthew Myers (9), Jerron Tiemeyer (10), Jack Hu (11). Row 3: Johnny Tseng (11), Neil Lin (12), Ichiro Hokazono (11), Warren Dexter (10), Hans Epp (11), Jahn Landrigan (12), Adrian Epp (10). Not Pictured: Chris Hilderbrand (10), Joey Hu (10), Jonas Chiang (10), Madison Fuehrer (9).



This year's cross country team was very talented, and they were really fun to run with.

-Adrian Epp (10)



The pain was worth the popsicles.

-Katie Cumpston (9)



When you're out there, you just got to give it all, do your best, and leave the rest to God.

-Jerron Tiemeyer (10)

small, but MIGHTY

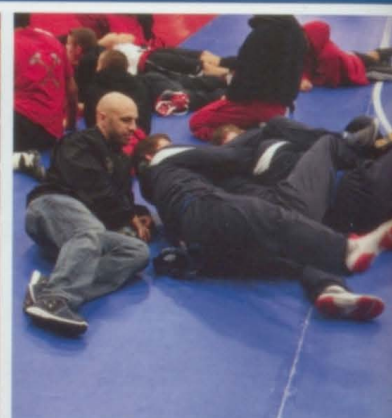
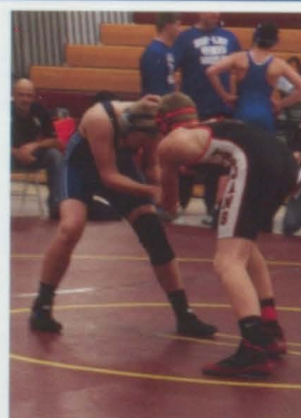
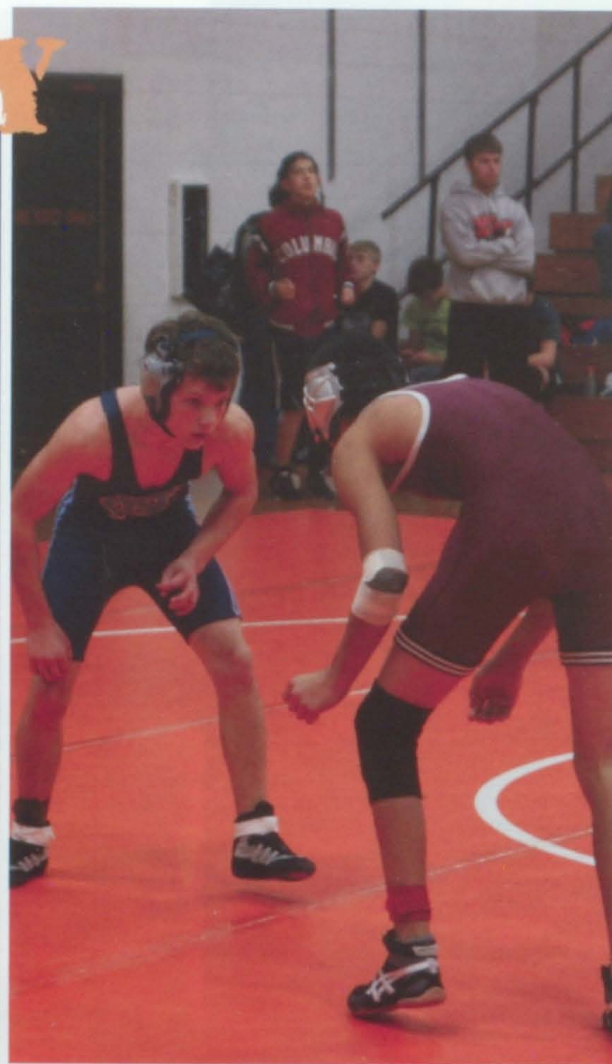
The four bravest individuals at the school, hands down, had to be the four wrestlers of the 2012-2013 season. Wrestling is a brutal sport, and it is challenging to go through the whole season with a strong mind. Wrestling seems to be an individual sport, but the team aspect is just as vital as any other sport, like football. **Matthew Swanson (10)** said, *"Encouraging your teammates is really important to do. Without support, you can't go far."*

With a large team, the often difficult practices would seem easier, having lots of teammates to encourage you through the rough parts. Also, when practicing moves, a wrestler will grapple with someone similar to their weight bracket. This way, they learn how to wrestle against people they would go against at a meet.

Having a small team means there is less chance of other wrestlers who are of similar size. But despite the drawbacks, there are also some benefits. There is a more focused attention on each individual wrestler and their specific styles. Despite having such a small team, every wrestler did outstanding in the 2012-2013 season. One wrestler, **Carson Huenefeld (10)**, acquired the opportunity to go to the state meet. He was the first wrestler to qualify in Class C competition, as the team has wrestled in Class D every other year.

-Tori Swanson (12)

Below: **Trevor Swanson (9)** watches his opponent carefully to find the perfect time to make the first move. Swanson was one of the two freshmen on the team.

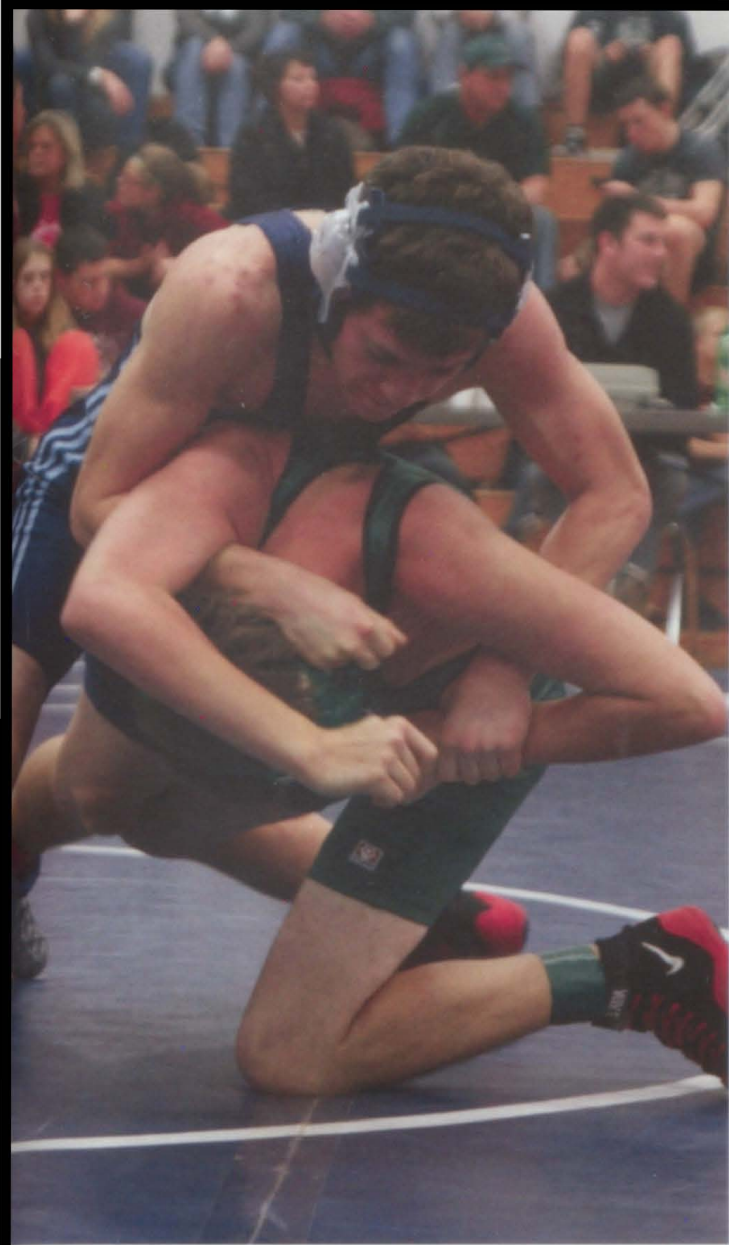


Above: **Carson Falk (9)** grapples with his opponent at the Cedar Valley tournament. Falk, a freshmen, improved a lot during the season.

Above: Assistant Coach **Chris Schweitzer**, **Trevor Swanson (9)**, **Carson Falk (10)**, and **Matthew Swanson (10)** find time to relax before a meet. Meets are oftentimes stressful, so quiet moments are appreciated.

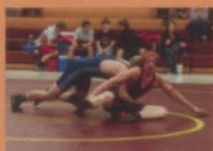
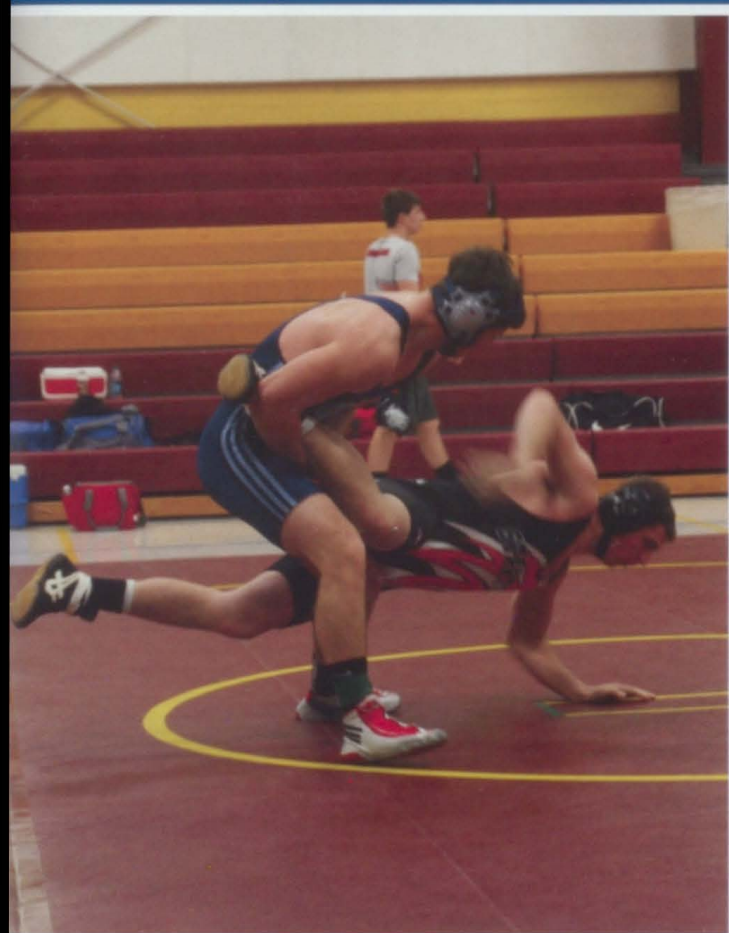
Right: **Carson Huenefeld (10)** takes down his opponent in a speedy fashion. Huenefeld had a successful season and qualified for the state meet.

Harvard	Neligh-Oakdale
Osceola	Cedar Valley
Kearney Catholic	Boone Central
Newman Grove	GICC
Elgin/Pope John	District (Cross County)
Cross County	State (Omaha)



Left: Skillfully, **Matthew Swanson (10)** traps his opponent in a headlock. In wrestling, series of moves are employed to get your opponent on their back and pinned.

Below: *Wrestling Team*. Left to right; **Matthew Swanson (10)**, **Carson Falk (9)**, **Carson Huenefeld (10)**, **Trevor Swanson (9)**. Not Pictured: Head Coach **Terry Elge**, Assistant Coach **Chris Schweitzer**.



My favorite part was lifting.

-**Carson Falk (9)**



Through wrestling, I learned discipline and perseverance.

-**Matthew Swanson (10)**



[At state] being able to look up and see all the people was crazy.

-**Carson Huenefeld (10)**



I love the camaraderie among the guys.

-**Trevor Swanson (9)**

making HISTORY

The final buzzer blared, sealing the historic 5-0 winning streak of the Lady Eagles. At no other time in the history of Nebraska Christian basketball has a girls' team started off with such a great stride. Head coach **Gordon Thiessen** stated, *"Starting 5-0 has never happened in the girls' program, so we are thankful for such a great start. We are also hopeful for many more wins this season."*

The success of the team was not attributed to any particular player, unlike certain wins had been in previous years. **Ashley Mazankowski (12)** said, *"Ever since my freshman year, we have been working hard and improving every year. Finally, during my senior year, all the girls seem to be unified."*

Every girl was able to assist the team with her special abilities such as quickness, shooting accuracy, aggressive defense, and being able to see the floor. Each did her part throughout the season, both on and off the court, to help contribute to the overall success of the team. When one player was struggling or having an off night, her teammates would step up and make some shots, while encouraging one another along the way. **Whitney Heuermann (9)** added, *"I appreciate the effort everyone puts in by showing up to practice day after day. It helps us become a better team as we work together, building each other up."*

Throughout the season, the girls learned to put petty arguments aside and were able to work together to accomplish a season full of prosperity. They finished the season 10-10, challenging the girls to continue making history in the years to come.

-Bekah Mead (12)

Below: **Bekah Mead (12)** jumps up above the defenders, taking a shot during the game against Burwell. Being one of only two seniors, Mead frequently led both teams in prayer after games.



Above: **Whitney Heuermann (9)** dashes across half court before the 10 second call is made. Heuermann frequently got into varsity games, which will give her great experience for later years.



Above: **Amber Mazankowski (10)** reaches, hoping to get a jump ball call. Mazankowski assisted the team in points as well as an abundance of offensive and defensive rebounds.

Right: **Cassidy Ostrand (9)** (front) and **Cailyn Ostrand (11)** keep their hands up as they play tough defense. The Ostrand girls worked hard throughout the season, helping the team in many different ways.

St. Edward 43-38	Spalding/Sp. Academy 36-44
Parkview Christian 64-13	Heartland 31-41
Silver Lake 43-37	Harvard 59-17
Heartland Lutheran 61-30	Humphrey St. Francis 46-51
High Plains 51-29	Cedar Valley 42-58
Holly Family 16-45	Burwell 44-31
Fullerton 36-44	Nebraska Lutheran 52-25
Elba/NLS 37-48	Shelby-Rising City 28-59
Osceola 45-37	Palmer 43-57
Spalding/Sp. Academy 53-32	Doniphan-Trumbull 45-50



Left: Ashley Mazankowski (12) races down the court, past the Palmer defender, looking for a quick pass and score for the Lady Eagles. Mazankowski was, to her astonishment, the recipient of the Gilson Sixth Man Award, which is given to one boy and girl in each class who has demonstrated great teamwork, leadership, and poise in the face of adversity.

Below: Front to back, left to right; Row 1: Sharina Boutin (9), Katie Cumpston (9), Ashley Mazankowski (12), Hope Baldwin (10), Emily Simmons (10), Alexis Hower (9), Rubi McHargue (9). Row 2: Student manager Claire Ostrand (7), Bekah Mead (12), Amber Mazankowski (10), Whitney Heuermann (9), Cassidy Ostrand (9), Tara Murphy (9), Cailyn Ostrand (11), Student manager Carsyn Ostrand (6). Not Pictured: Head Coach Gordon Thiessen, Assistant Coach Tonya Ostrand.



This season was definitely led by great senior leaders. Whether it was in practice, in games, or in the locker room, they always knew how to cheer and pump up our team!

-Emily Simmons (10)



I had a lot of fun playing basketball this year, and I respect the seniors for their hard work and perseverance!

-Alexis Hower (9)



Basketball was so much fun because we got to spend a lot of time together as a team!

-Katie Cumpston (9)

bright FUTURE

Below: **Johnny Tseng (12)** is blocked by a Fullerton player while attempting a 3-point shot. At the end of the season he received Goldenrod Conference Honorable Mention honors.

The game of basketball requires a lot of enthusiasm and endurance to play all four quarters, while still trying to play your best game. Meeting up to those standards was sometimes more difficult for freshmen and new international boys to do than others. However young or new to the sport, they trained as much as the seniors did, and it showed during the games.

One of the new players, **Johnny Tseng (11)** of Taiwan, has played basketball for 11 years. He said, *"I like our team because we have a good coach and great teammates. We will be better next year."*

The team's best moment of the season was winning its first-round game in the conference tournament against Cedar Valley. Though they lost in the next round of the tournament, the improvement they showed was very impressive. **Head Coach Mark Leonard** said, *"There was a lot of improvement in the team throughout the season. The seniors were good leaders for our younger players. New members worked hard to help better team, and the future is bright for the Nebraska Christian basketball team."*

-Eric Kim(11)



39-31 St. Edward
21-75 Parkview Christian
36-49 Silver Lake
35-62 Heartland Lutheran
21-80 High Plains
28-50 Holy Family
36-65 Fullerton
35-40 Elba/North Loup-Scotia
38-39 Osceola
24-65 Spalding/Spalding Academy
36-30 Cedar Valley
25-60 Spalding/Spalding Academy
35-64 Heartland
47-34 Harvard
33-67 Humphrey St. Francis
30-64 Cedar Valley
11-50 Burwell
48-41 Nebraska Lutheran
35-51 Palmer
55-39 Shelby-Rising City
27-40 Superior

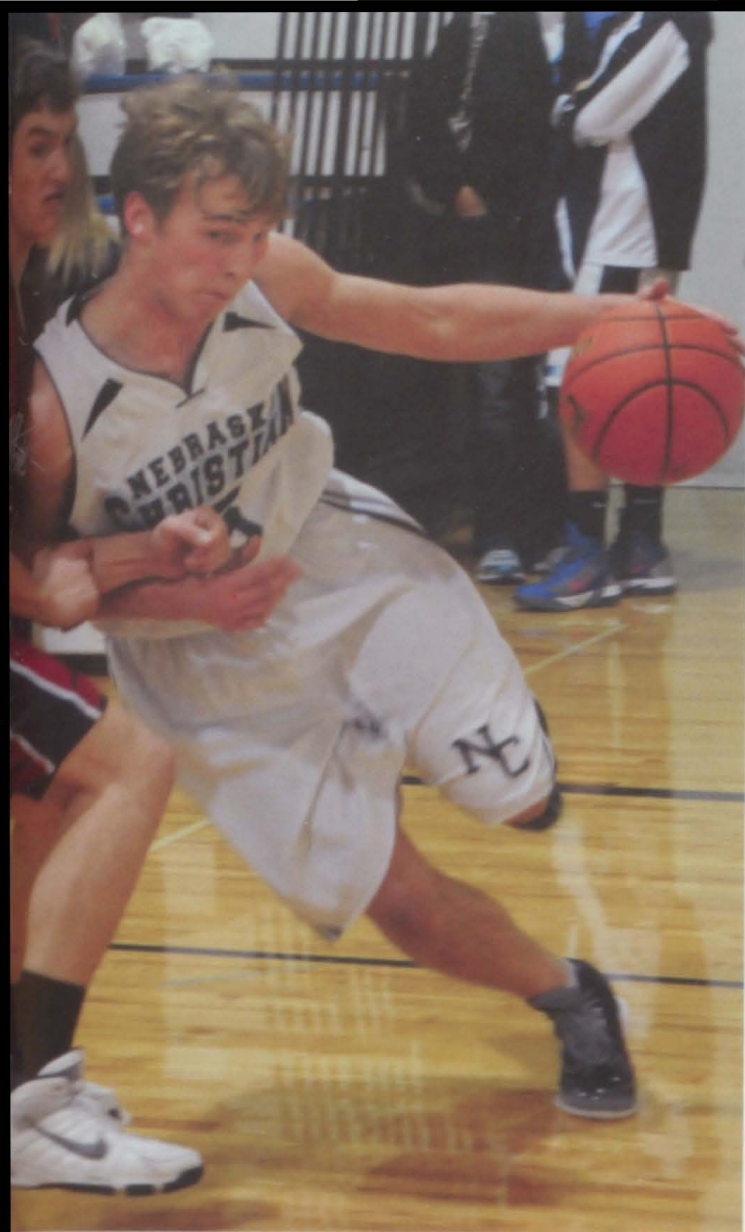


Above: **Logan Faeh (10)** jumps up and snatches the rebound. Faeh was a valuable addition to the team and saw much varsity playing time as a freshman.



Above: Assistant Coach **Tim Jewell** talks to the team during a time out. Jewell said, *"We as coaches give our players everything they may need to help themselves prepare for their opponent, whether that be through the knowledge we know about the game, drills in practice, or scouting reports."*

Right: **Jonas Chiang (10)** lines himself up to shoot a free throw. Towards the end of the season, Chiang earned a varsity jersey.



Left: Derek Rose (12) drives by his defender straight to the hoop. Rose, a three-year starter, brought great experience and leadership to the team.

Below: Boys' Basketball Team. Front to back, from left. Row 1: Jonas Chiang (10), Joey Hu (10), Neil Lin (12), Kyle Bui (12), Zac Dockweiler (9), Ethan Unruh (10). Row 2: Head Coach Mark Leonard, Tim Fread (11), Keagan Jewell (10), Dillon Rose (10), Logan Faeh (9), Matt Kim (11), Andrew Sack (10), Johnny Tseng (11), Assistant Coach Tim Jewell. Not Pictured: Derek Rose (12).



Mr. Leonard is an awesome coach, but running gets old.

-Andrew Sack (10)



Shooting 3-pointers takes a lot of work and confidence, but it is so fun to fire it in the game!

-Kyle Bui (12)



Coach Leonard has goals for this basketball program that are very reachable, as long as we are willing to put forth the effort.

-Tim Fread (11)

a test of ENDURANCE

Rain, sleet, or snow, we throw... and jump... and run! Track this year was rather unpredictable. The weather proved to be a force to be reckoned with as the Nebraska weather amazed everyone yet again. This weather, though, was simply another hardship that helped toughen and shape the 2013 track team. They acclimated to sporadic weather and soon began to appreciate days that were not as windy and cold as others. This weather also strengthened the track team's ability to excel at their events. Throwing coach **Mr. Mark Leonard** said, *"The kids knew that if they could perform well in thirty degree weather, then they could perform even better in forty or fifty degree weather."*

Track meets that were canceled or postponed due to weather were seen as opportunities for the track team to better themselves at another day of practice improving their skills. **Tanner Cooper (12)** said, *"It was snowing at one of our meets, and we didn't even have to wear our uniforms for field events. We got to wear sweats ... it was nice."*

Despite all the trials the track team had to face this year, they performed quite well. The boys' team placed first at nearly every meet, including the Goldenrod Conference Meet. The girls' track team followed suit, having numerous second place finishes, as well as a handful of third place finishes. Though the season was full of hardships, the track team pushed through and concluded with an accomplished season.

-Katie Griess (12)

Merrick County Invitational
Pleasanton Dick O'Neill Invitational (Kearney)
Fullerton Invitational
Palmer Invitational (Fullerton)
Goldenrod Conference Meet (Fullerton)
Districts Class C (Ord)
State Track & Field Championships (Omaha)

Below: **Bekah Mead (12)**, showing off practiced and perfected form, launches the discus across the field with gusto. Though Mead competed in volleyball, basketball, and track all four years of high school, track always remained her favorite sport.



Above: Rounding the corner, **CJ Ruybalid (10)** paces himself as he competes to finish in the 800 meter dash. Ruybalid continued to improve his times throughout the year by putting in hard work during practices and keeping a positive attitude throughout the season.



Above: **Matt Kim (12)** glides over yet another hurdle exhibiting expert style and poise. Kim was no novice to the hurdles, having qualified for state as a junior.

Right: **Jahn Landrigan (12)** and **Hans Epp (11)** coast around the curve with matching strides and perfect form. Both boys had excellent showings at state, with Epp winning the 800 meter run and placing 3rd in the 1600 meter run, and Landrigan placing 3rd in the 3200 meter run.



Left: Matthew Swanson (10) leaps through the air during a triple jump attempt. Swanson was a great asset to the team both in his athletic ability and his uplifting spirit.

Below: Front to back, left to right. Row 1: Meagen Dittmer (10), ShayeLeigh Cooper (10), Talitha Harrington (9), McKenna Loy (9), Katie Cumpston (9), Alexis Hower (9), Sharina Boutin (9), Tara Murphy (9), Cassidy Ostrand (9), Rubi McHargue (9), Whitney Heuermann (9). Row 2: Taylor Swantek (10), Amber Mazankowski (10), Taylor Van Pelt (10), Carson Falk (9), Dillon Rose (9), Trevor Swanson (9), Logan Faeh (9), Zac Dockweiler (9), Cameron Langemeier (9), Matthew Myers (9). Row 3: Talia Murphy (11), Cailyn Ostrand (11), Jerron Tiemeyer (10), Matthew Swanson (10), Keagan Jewell (10), Myles Wheeler (10), Ethan Unruh (10), Carson Huenefeld (10), Warren Dexter (10), Adrian Epp (10). Row 4: Rachel McHargue (11), Hope Baldwin (10), Maddie Kirby (10), CJ Ruybalid (10), Danny Stevens (11), Hans Epp (11), Jonas Chiang (10), Johnny Tseng (11). Row 5: Tanner Cooper (12), Derek Rose (12), Bekah Mead (12), Ashley Mazankowski (12), Tori Swanson (12), Jahn Landrigan (12), Kyle Bui (12), and Matt Kim (12).



Jumping is fun . . . but when do the hurdles start?
- Hope Baldwin (10)



I may not look like a thrower, but I give it my best and let God do the rest.
- Ashley Mazankowski (12)



When I run, nobody hears my feet . . . they just hear the sonic boom.
- Danny Stevens (11)

joining the TEAM

If you went to any junior high sports games this past year, you may have noticed some of the students looked younger. For the first time, all 6th grade girls were allowed to participate in junior high athletics. Since female enrollment was lower than previous years in the 7th and 8th grades, 6th grade girls joined the junior high students for volleyball, basketball, and track. For the last period of the day, the girls would meet together to practice and prepare for upcoming games. Even though being moved up to compete in a more formal setting was new for some of the 6th graders, they quickly adapted to the change of pace. **Claire Ostrand (7)** said, *"I was thankful for the 6th graders this year in Junior High sports because they all worked hard, and they're also fun to play with. Playing sports with my sister [Carsyn Ostrand (6)] was really fun. She always made things interesting at games or practices!"*

Even though the younger and more inexperienced girls' had to compete against older and more experienced students, the teams were still successful. The junior high girls basketball team won the Cedar Valley basketball tournament. **Sarah Simmons (8)** said, *"It was fun to win the tournament this year because it was our last junior high game ever and we really worked as a team and told ourselves that we had to get at least 3rd, but it was great to come out 1st."* Moving up the 6th grade girls proved to be a success and really helped the girls improve their skills.

-Heidi Hofmann (12)

Below: **Claire Ostrand (7)** battles for the ball during a junior high basketball game while teammate **Alison Winsterman (6)** watches in anticipation. The girls' basketball team battled hard all season and won its last tournament of the year.



Above: **Andrew Winsterman (8)** dribbles down the court towards the rest of his teammates. The boys strived to work together and improve their skills.



Above: **Marilla Flynn (8)** looks to pass the basketball to a fellow teammate. The girls developed good teamwork as the season progressed.

Right: Diving for the tackle, **Joel Poppe (7)** grasps the opponent's leg in hopes of bringing him down. Even though the football season was short, the boys learned valuable skills from **Coach Carl Ostrand**.

Cross Country
Volleyball
Football
Girls' Basketball
Boys' Basketball
Wrestling
Track & Field



Left: Gliding over the hurdles, **Hailee Broman (8)** makes her way to the finish line. Many of the hurdlers showed great potential for the future.

Below: *Junior High Sports Students*. Front to back, left to right; Row 1: Reagan Williams(8), Halle Strong (6), Sydney Fuehrer (6), Alison Winsterman (6), Carsyn Ostrand (6), Jada McHargue (home school), Madison Felt (6), Claire Ostrand (7). Row 2: Marilla Flynn (8), Daniel Myers (7), Joel Kaczor (7), Spencer Williams (7), Andrew Feely (7), Luke Swanson (7), Aviana Papazian (7). Row 3: MaKenna Bolanos (8), Micah Smith (7), Joel Poppe (7), Chase Gulbranson (7), Timothy Hofmann (7), Janie Mousel (home school). Row 4: Hailee Broman (8), Yu Chen (8), Tommy Flynn (8), Andrew Winsterman (8), Sarah Simmons (8).



This year in volleyball, I learned not to get down on myself when I made a mistake.

-Alison Winsterman (6)



Coach Ostrand made football fun by really encouraging us. He taught us to not work for ourselves like other teams do but to praise God through our efforts.

-Spencer Williams (7)



I really enjoyed throwing so I didn't have to run.

-Luke Swanson (7)

taking STATE

On October 19, the Boys' Cross Country Team brought home its second state title in three years. This second title follows Nebraska Christian's first-ever team state title won by the cross country boys in 2010. The 2010 victory was followed by a strong second place finish in 2011. The two remaining members of the 2010 state team led the 2012 team to victory: **Jahn Landrigan (12)** placed second in Class D with a time of 16:41.9, and **Hans Epp (11)** placed third with a time of 16:52.2. **Warren Dexter (10)** was the top sophomore of the field with a strong fourth place finish at a time of 17:01.1. Also contributing to the team score was **Adrian Epp (10)** taking 63rd place with a time of 18:43.6. Rounding out the team state roster were **Jerron Tiemeyer (10)** and **Neil Lin (12)**.

Coach Janet Landrigan, who has led the team to state three years in a row, reflected on what it was like to win another state championship: *"When we won state in 2010, it was like being in a dream. It seemed to just happen. It truly was a gift. Since Jahn and Hans were part of that team, they were inspired to repeat the winning championship. They learned through the experience of coming in as Runner-Up in 2011 that it was going to take more to actually win the state title again. They took their training, commitment, and effort to a new level. This set an example for the rest of the team, and they all worked very hard to reach the individual and team places that they did. To see that rewarded by winning the State Championship again was truly a blessing. I hope their hard work continues to inspire next season's team to be all they can be in the sport of cross country, as a representative of Nebraska Christian, and for the glory of God."*

-CJ Ruybalid (10)



Left: State Quiz Bowl Qualifiers. Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Scott Smith (11), Tori Swanson (12), Kim Deichmann (12), Katie Cumpston (9), Sophia Zhang (12). Row 2: Sophia Songthangtham (11), Kevin Cheng (11), Braden Moody (12), Jahn Landrigan (12), Whitney Heuermann (9).



Left: Jahn Landrigan (12) and James Royle (12) stand atop the podium after winning duet at State Speech. Landrigan and Royle received first place rankings from two of their three finals judges and both of their preliminary round judges to win the event.



Above: The Boys' Cross Country team celebrates the win. Left to Right: Jahn Landrigan (12), Hans Epp (11), Warren Dexter (10), Adrian Epp (10), Jerron Tiemeyer (10), Neil Lin (12).

Below: *State Track Qualifiers*. Front to back, left to right: Row 1: Amber Mazankowski (10), Cailyn Ostrand (11), Cassidy Ostrand (9), Rubi McHargue (9), Katie Cumpston (9). Row 2: Bekah Mead (12), Tara Murphy (9). Row 3: Tanner Cooper (12), Carson Huenefeld (10), Matthew Swanson (10). Row 4: Logan Faeh (9), Warren Dexter (10), Jahn Landrigan (12), Hans Epp (11). Not pictured: Derek Rose (12).



Left: Katie Cumpston (9) qualified for the State Cross Country meet. She was the only girl to qualify.



Left: Carson Huenefeld (10) qualified for the State Wrestling Tournament in the 182 weight class. He was the first NC wrestler to qualify in Class C.



Above: *State Speech Qualifiers*. Left to right, front to back: Row 1: Sophia Zhang (12), Vicky Zhang (12), James Royle (12), Kim Deichmann (12). Row 2: Coach Becky Ritta, Coach Ruth Ferris, Beran Fisher (11), Jahn Landrigan (12), Scott Smith (11), Coach Charissa Smith.



Left: Hans Epp (11) qualified for the 800 and the 1600 at the State Track Meet. He finished first and third, respectively.



Alexander,

We thank the Lord for using you to teach your dad and me valuable lessons as we journeyed this life with you for the past 18 years. As the oldest son in our family, you have paved the way for your younger siblings throughout the years. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to see you grow into a godly young man. Now a new chapter will begin in your life as you spread your wings and fly into the world. May the Lord Jesus Christ be your Rock and Strong Tower as you take your next step into serving Him and making Him known to others.

We love you tenderly,

Mom & Dad

Joshua, Christian, Michaela, Kyle, and Baby

"For I know the plans that I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope." -Jeremiah 29:11



Heidi,
You are beautiful inside and out!
It is a joy to be your parents.
Our faith has grown through
you. Continue to look to the
Lord for guidance and walk in
faith for:

God's got His hand on you so,
Don't live life in fear,
Forgive and forget,
But don't forget why you're here,
Take your time and pray.
Thank God for each day.
His love will find a way.

We love you,

Mom and Dad

Vincent, Melissa, Ashlynn and Mason
Susan and Timothy



Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust
in the LORD with all
your heart and lean
not on your own
understanding. In all
your ways,
acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct
your paths.

Congratulations,
Katie! We love you
and are so thankful

we were blessed to be your family!

Love,

Dad & Mom, Chris & Emily, Travis & Alli,
Nate & Loy



Bekah,

You are certainly the best Christmas gift we've ever received! It's been a blessing watching you grow into a beautiful young lady. You've always been friendly and outgoing and have brought much laughter to our home. We look forward to seeing God's plan for you.

Phil. 1:6 - "Being confident, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

Love, Mom and Dad



Kemery,
You were God's special gift to our family. When you were born, we didn't know whether you would live long enough for us to get a chance to know you before Heaven or not. Each day now is an answer to our prayers that day. God has a very special purpose for your life we're sure.

Love,

Mom and Dad



Braden,
You have been a gift to us that only God could give. It has been a joy and an honor to watch you grow into the young man that you are today. Our prayer for you is that you desire to serve God above all else as you move into the next stage of your life.

Love,
Dad and Mom

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight."



Katherine,
What began as "fun with Grandpa" has grown to be your passion. Through your hard work and practice, God has blessed you and allowed you to minister to others for His glory. We are proud of you and look forward to your future. Congratulations!

Love,
Mom & Dad

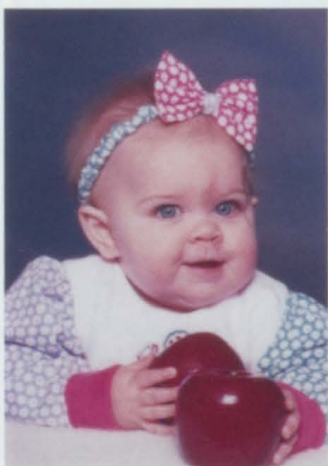
"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen." Jude 1:24



Jae,
We are so proud of your hard work through your school years! Your capacity to learn is not as big as your capacity to teach others. Daily you show child-like faith and thoughtfulness toward others, all the while expecting Jesus to come at any time. Congratulations!

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." Mark 12:30

Love,
Mom & Dad



Anna Claire,
How quickly the years have gone! You have been such a blessing in our lives! Our prayer for you would be to seek out God's direction in your life!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

All our love,
Dad and Mom



Tori,
We love you and are proud of you. The Lord has gifted you in many ways, and we are excited to see where He leads you.

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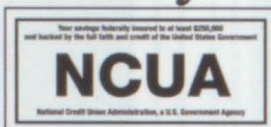


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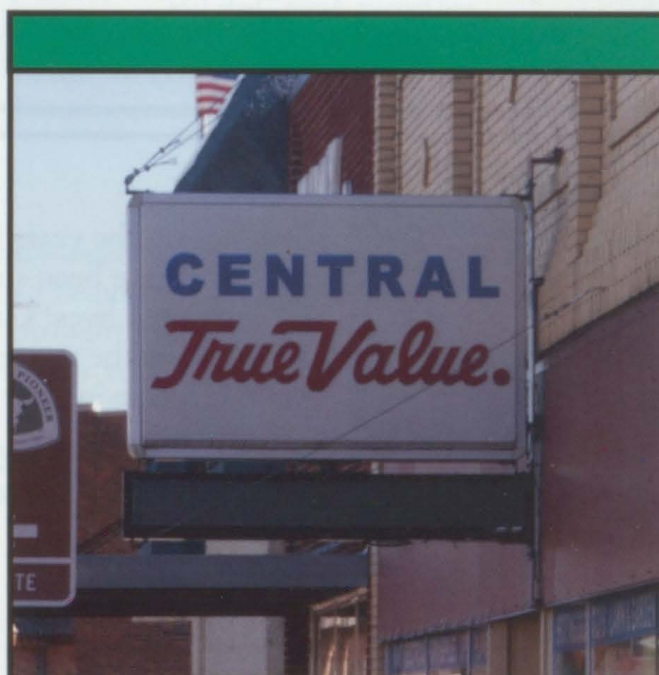
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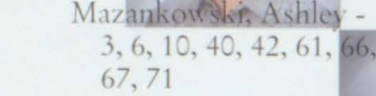
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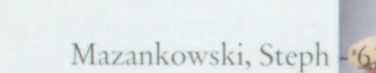
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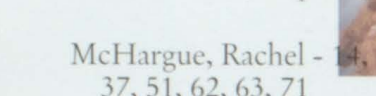
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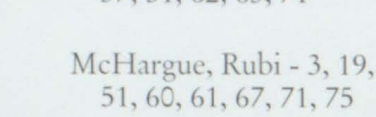
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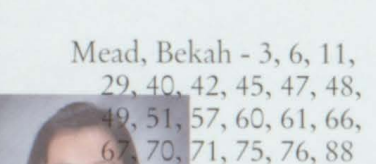
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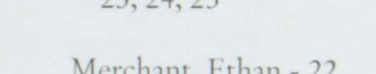
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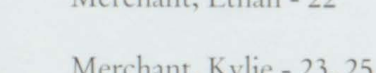
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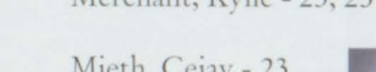
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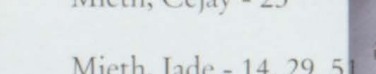
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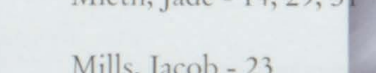
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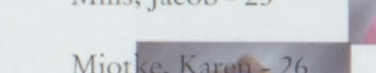
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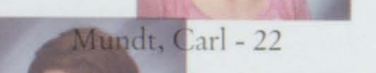
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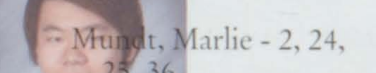
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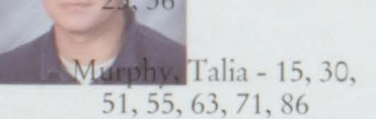
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GAME OVER

Game over. Cash in your chips. Do a victory dance. Every game has a beginning, along with the inevitable end. In most games, the end leaves only one individual happy: the winner. However, in the "game" of school, everyone is a winner.

For most, the end is a joyous time, promising the happiness and freedom of summer vacation. Summer is what some people literally dream of during school. When it seems like you've fallen into an abyss of homework in the middle of a Narnia-esque winter, the niggling hope of warmth, sunshine, and fun is what keeps

most students alive. **Talia Murphy (11)** said, "When summertime comes, I always feel so heartbroken . . . just kidding! Who doesn't like summer?" While there are a select few who may not be so excited for the warmer months, they probably won't admit it for fear of being accused of being a "nerd." For them, summer means time away from friends that they may not see except during the school year. Also, a sense of order is nice to have in life, and school provides exactly that.

For the international students, summer means getting to go

home. **Ency Chen (12)** said, "After being away from school for so long, when you see your parents for the first time, it's really exciting." Some international students use their summers to get in some extra studying. **Jack Hu (11)** said, "I have to study in the summer. I'm not a big fan, but I don't mind."

Despite the lack of obligations that summer brings, it is important that you don't waste it away. Every day you live is a gift from God, and you need to appreciate that gift by living it to the fullest.

- **Tori Swanson (12)**

Top Right: **Brittany Ritta (10)** supervises her Awana Sparks line at Community Bible Church, while **Riley Schreiber (2)** and **Landen Leonard (1)** cheer on their team. Several high school students helped with Awana on Wednesday nights.



Far right: **Sophia Zhang (12)** cheerfully delivers her speech at the graduation ceremony. Zhang, **Tori Swanson (12)**, and **Derek Rose (12)** gave commencement speeches.



Bottom right: Mrs. **Tonya Ostrand** helps **Hans Epp (11)** bandage up his ankle. Many track athletes experienced injuries, and taping was an effective way to provide support and protection.





Left: **Trevor Cumpston** (6) sings out to the crowd during the Elementary's annual musical. The musical, titled *Polecat's Poison*, was a big hit, as usual.

Below left: On a ride at the Mall of America's Nickelodeon Universe, **Anna Kirby** (12) is all smiles. While on Senior Trip, the seniors had lots of time to shop and explore the many aspects of the mall.

Below right: **Jack Hu** (11) dives away from the arms of an opponent, only to be thrust in the path of **Jacob Winsterman** (12). At Spiritual Emphasis Day, the clothespin game was a favorite among the students.



How To Play: Colophon

Far left: Clockwise from left- Katie Griess (12), Ency Chen(12), Bekah Mead (12), ShayeLeigh Cooper (10), Tori Swanson (12), and Heidi Hofmann (12) joyfully ride the merry-go-round after the Walsworth yearbook conference at Columbus. The girls enjoyed spending time together as well as learning more about how to make an incredible yearbook.

Above left: This sketch was our second cover attempt of the year, but it was not quite what we were looking for. The third time's the charm, and we ended up with the perfect cover!

Above: Our original cover idea was a little complicated and did not portray what we wanted. What we began with completely changed as our theme developed.

McCoy using a rough sketch drawn by the editors. The body paragraphs and quotes were typed in Garamond. Headlines were in **Impact**, **Knockout**, **RUBBERSTAMP**, **Fatback**, **MadZine**, **DownTown**, **AvantGuard**, and Garamond.

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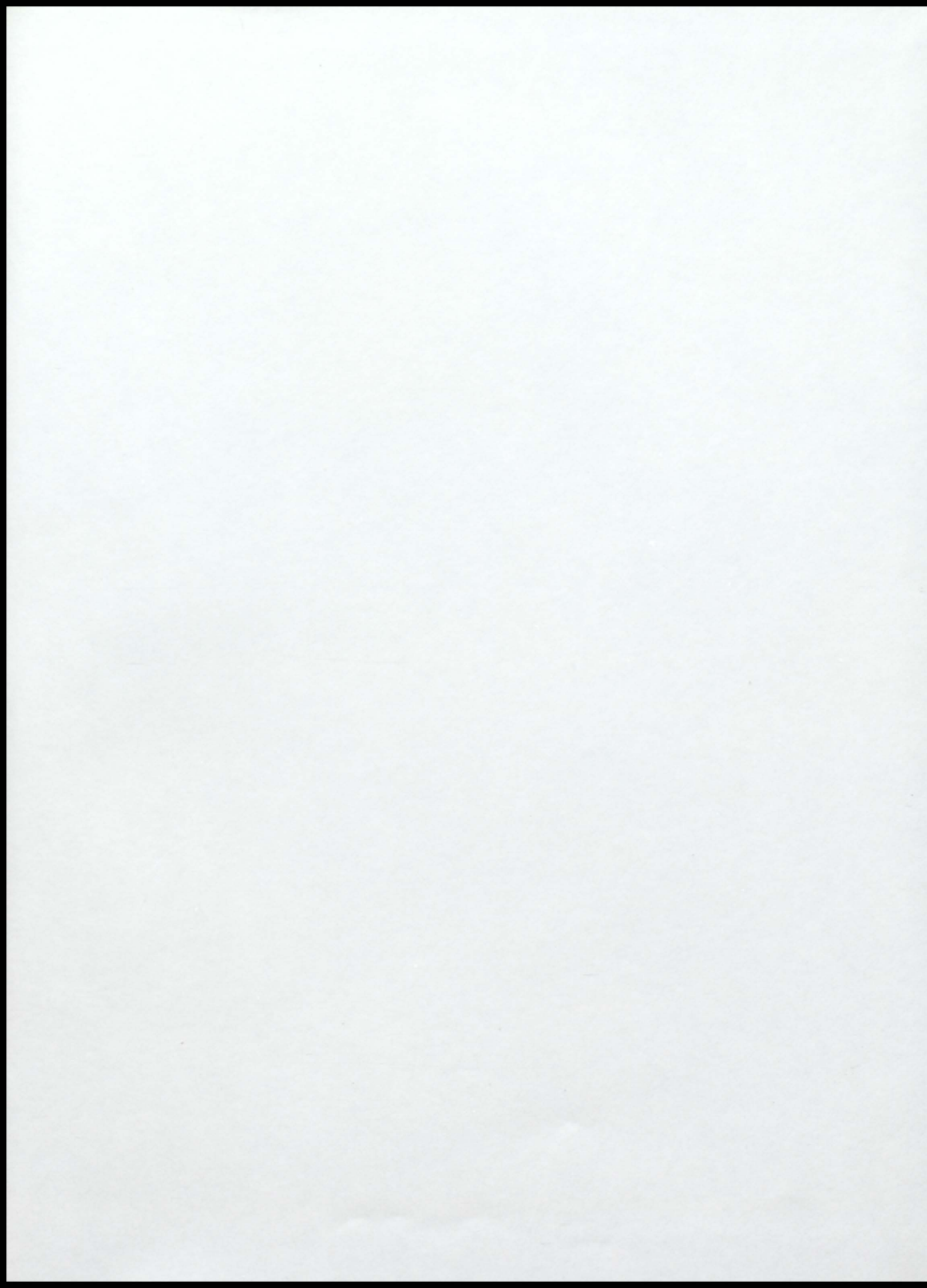
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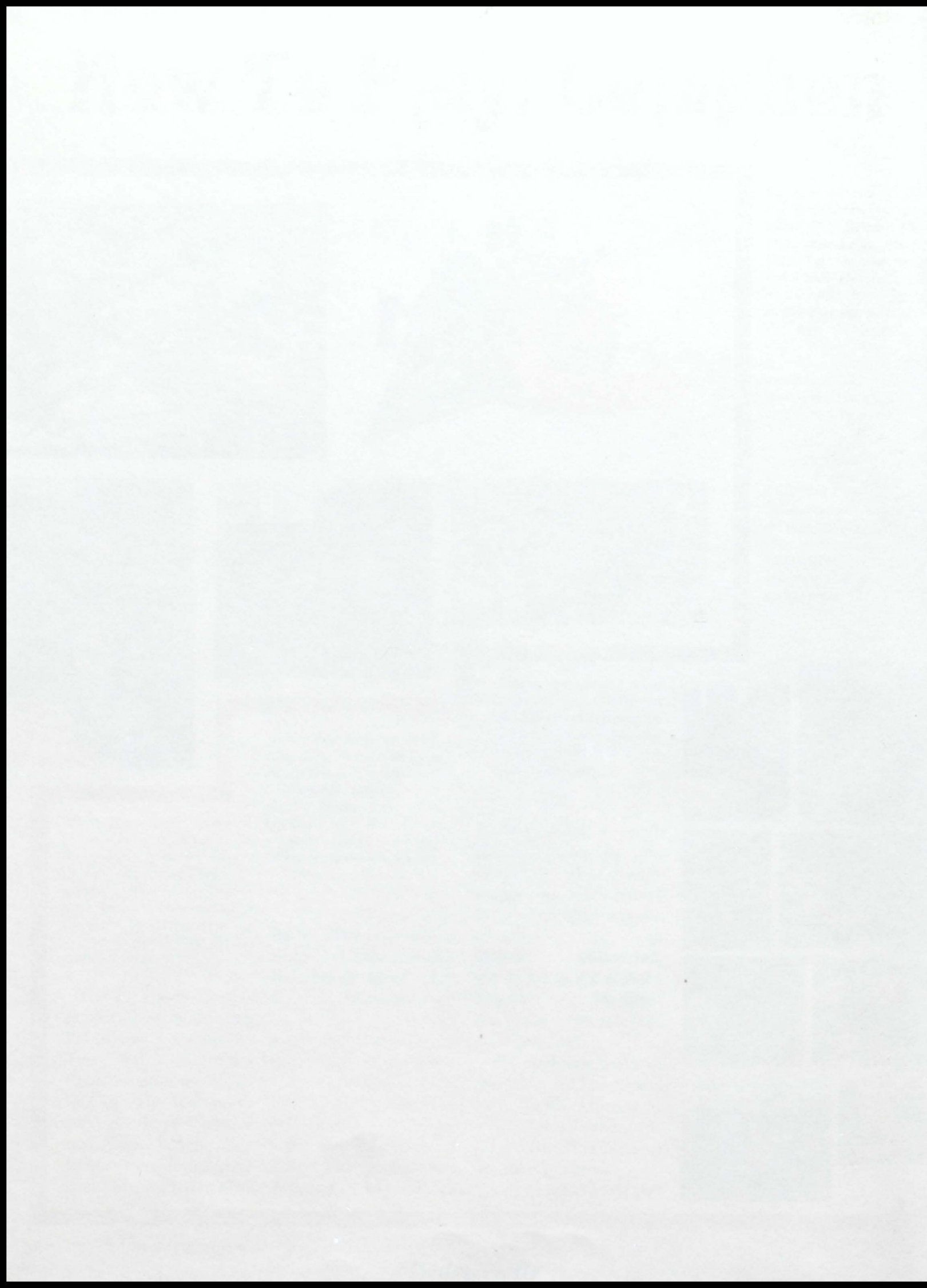
Above: Eric Kim (11) seeks inspiration for his page from the 2012 book. When the staff experienced moments of writer's block, they often would go back and look at articles from previous *Reflectors* to inspire new ideas.

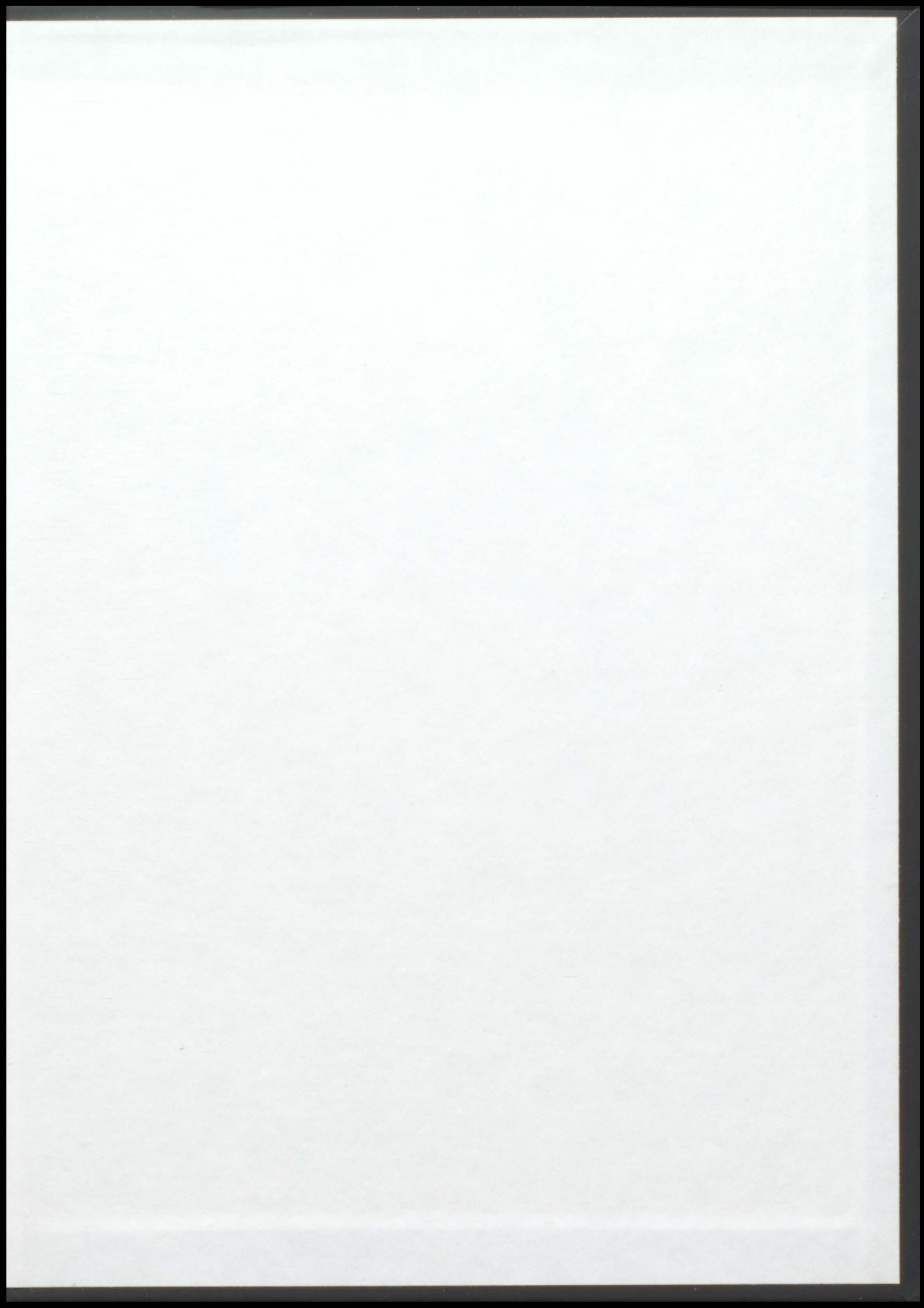
Becky Ritta. Co-editors were **Tori Swanson (12)** and **Bekah Mead (12)**. Business manager was **Heidi Hofmann (12)**. Staff included **Shanna Bailey (12)**, **Ency Chen (12)**, **Katie Griess (12)**, **Neil Lin (12)**, **Eric Kim (11)**, **ShayeLeigh Cooper (10)**, and **CJ Ruybalid (10)**. The cover was designed by Keith

Above: **ShayeLeigh Cooper (10)** and **Tori Swanson (12)** do in depth "research" for the theme by playing a quick game of *Guess Who?* The staff sought inspiration for the theme by playing a few of the games during the yearbook hour.

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